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SUMMARY

Document Origins, Methodology & Background

The findings that follow are based on a trove of EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) documents effectively made public by Congress, with the help of a total absence of access restrictions by EHA. These materials include over 25,000 calendar items of Peter Daszak, internal correspondence, and project folders—some of which EHA flagged as "not to be shared with Congress". The materials were explored and archived by DRASTIC researchers before public access was eventually suspended.

The findings offer a navigation guide through this substantial trove, and it is hoped that they may provide reference points for future investigators (who may ask for full access). The authors also emphasise the ethical handling of private data, even if effectively disclosed by Congress, choosing not to publicise irrelevant personal information found in the folders.

Key Projects, Proposals & Timelines

These findings highlight the ambitious but also opportunistic and chaotic management of projects, samples, and regulatory constraints, under Peter Daszak. The findings also show how, once under Congressional scrutiny, EHA tried to compensate for these issues by a razor-sharp focus on public relations and political lobbying, and how EHA then attempted to ignore the requests from the intelligence community, or—in the case of the FBI—tried to shape their perceptions by playing the victim and by deflecting their attention towards the criticism of perfectly sane critics.

Much of the early focus of these findings is on EHA's participation in US government biological threat reduction projects (DTRA/BTRP), before moving to the controversial DEFUSE proposal. We learn that Peter Daszak was in talks with DARPA's Dr. Jim Gimlett as early as June 2017, visiting him with Shi Zhengli at the time. Feedback from Daszak and Zhengli likely influenced the subsequent design of the DARPA PREEMPT program by Dr. Gimlett; a program that Daszak and Zhengli would then answer with DEFUSE in early 2018.

The DEFUSE proposal process itself was fraught with rushed deadlines and technical missteps. Key risk-mitigation plans required by DARPA—addressing issues like GoF, DURC (Dual Use Research of Concern), and ELSI (Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications)—were handled so carelessly as to be accidentally omitted in the final proposal due to some last-minute editing error. That omission proved crucial, as it was a major contribution to DEFUSE's rejection.

A more detailed proposal of Baric intended contribution, drafted by himself, is also available for the first time. It shows more emphasis on passaging and the FCS than the earlier version known to this date. The findings lastly show how, after DEFUSE's rejection, EHA attempted to recycle aspects of its proposal for pared-down proposals in response to emerging COVID-19 concerns.

Political Response, Media, and Broader Implications

Lobbying, Congress, and Defunding Threats

As public and political scrutiny intensified (especially after 2021), EHA ramped up lobbying efforts to counter moves in Congress aiming to cut its funding, including high-profile amendments to US

legislation. It engaged a lobbying firm to do political intelligence and then organized a very detailed outreach on the Hill, which allowed it to successfully fight back any defunding for 3 years in a row. Contacts with key congresspeople, in person and through their aides, are documented, and names are given. EHA also coordinated a very determined media strategy, organizing some Coalition of Support and nurturing contacts with a few chosen reliable journalists—the details of which are given.

Scientific Controversies and Publications

This document covers the political and scientific fallout around notable publications and controversies, such as The Lancet letter, with proof that Jeremy Farrar is the one that suggested and arranged for it to be published there'.

Latinne *et al.* (Nat. Comms) receives a lot of attention too, due to the documented misrepresentation of its significance by Daszak (such as the nonsensical statement that its short associated Excel spreadsheet was the full WIV database) and due to the problems eventually raised by its unexpected inclusion of Lao samples. EHA measures to avoid scrutiny are also documented, including again reaching out to key journalists and creatively downplaying issues with Nat. Comms Editor.

Global Virome Project (GVP)

Efforts to secure lasting DTRA/USAID funding post the programmed end of PREDICT-2 are a constant undercurrent in this trove of documents. While DEFUSE was a much more limited program that anyway met an early death, these findings shed more light on the GVP, the ambitious effort to catalog global viral threats conceived by Carroll and Daszak specifically as a way to ensure ample regular funding for 10 years. The findings offer new materials on the genesis of the GVP, the expected role of China, and the way the State Department was being tapped for support.

USAID and DoD funding

This document shows how EHA was able to largely make up for the interruption of its NIH grant through its usual backers (and real masters): the DoD and USAID. Large USAID grants were showered on EHA, largely in places that were not in the investigative limelight, such as Liberia, India, Jordan, Tanzania, Guinea, and the Philippines.

Final Notes

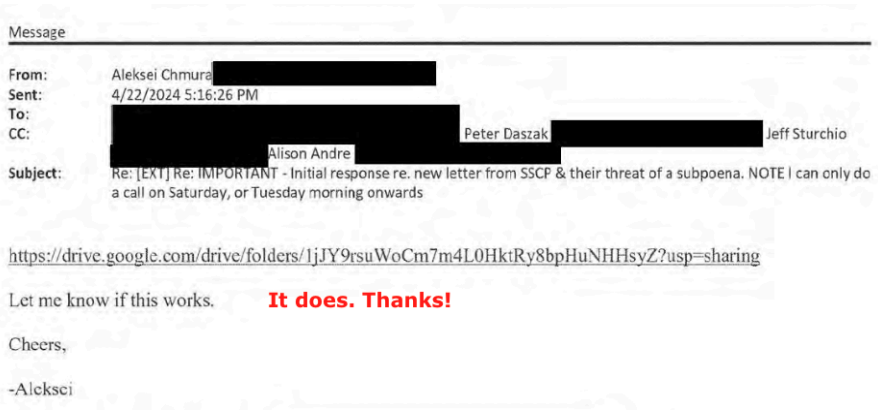
The authors note that this findings document is not exhaustive due to the sheer volume of data now available for further journalistic or academic examination. Serious journalists are invited to ask for full access.

FOREWORD

Documents Origin:

On 22 April 2024, Aleksei Chmura (Peter's right hand) shared a key link with Peter Daszak in an email that was released on 4 Dec 2024 by Congress (see Annex A for the details). That completely freely accessible link was a preparation folder for answering questions from the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The folder included documents that were explicitly marked by EHA as not to be shared with Congress. It also included the 25,000+ calendar items of Peter Daszak at EHA between 2008 and 2023 and mailbox extracts.


Message

From: Aleksei Chmura [redacted]
Sent: 4/22/2024 5:16:26 PM
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted] Peter Daszak [redacted] Jeff Sturchio [redacted] Alison Andre [redacted]
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: IMPORTANT - Initial response re. new letter from SSCP & their threat of a subpoena. NOTE I can only do a call on Saturday, or Tuesday morning onwards

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jJY9rsuWoCm7m4L0HktRy8bpHuNHHsyZ?usp=sharing

Let me know if this works. **It does. Thanks!**

Cheers,

-Aleksei

The folder link was explored by Billy Bostinkson a few days after it was published. The folder was fully accessible until early 2025. No unlawful access was ever required: anybody could immediately access the full folder in one click at the address released by Congress. Billy Bostickson also saved the folder content (see Annex B for the folder structure) before the link stopped working, so as to have a local copy.

Our working notes:

This document is **a compendium of notes** we took while going through the folder. Given that it is very easy to get lost in the many files in that folder, we decided to write our findings as a form of guidance for ourselves and for further investigators. Our findings are in no particular order and cannot be expected to be exhaustive given the size of that document stash.

In these findings, we often refer to Daszak's calendar items, so it may be useful to explain their formatting. The approximately 26,000 calendar items were in an ICS (iCalendar) file. To allow for easy filtering and proper reading, we converted it to csv, loaded it up in a spreadsheet, and fixed some fields (dates, broken HTML often resulting from cutting and pasting content from key emails in the event description, etc.). We then reformatted each clean calendar entry for convenient display via an HTML viewer.

Please note that we removed most of the links in this document. If you are a journalist, you may ask us for access to the folder (contact: PihaBeach@proton.me) and for a version of this document with working links to the elements in that folder. If we agree to share these with you, it shall be with the expectation that no personal data irrelevant to the origin questions shall be released, as a matter of courtesy, even if the full documents were made freely accessible for many weeks by Congress itself.

FBI, CIA and DOE subfolders:

We want it to be clear that the CIA and DOE subfolders (07 and 08) were empty, which is likely better that way. The FBI folder was not. But far from containing remarkable revelations, it just exposes how Daszak immediately tried to manipulate his FBI Special Agent contact, portraying himself as a hero and a victim, while recommending the names of various regular people, investigators, and even some perfectly sane reporter, to his special attention. As it is, the DRASTIC team also got a few mentions.

Authors and timing:

This document was largely compiled by Gilles DEMANEUF, with some help from Billy BOSTICKSON. We were both quite busy over the last 8 months and were also in no rush to publish our findings as the US government transition was underway. We thus took our time before making these summary notes public.

1. EHA: DARPA, PREEMPT, DEFUSE

1.1. Findings

- We have the full-length contribution of Baric: 8 pages that were compressed in one paragraph in DEFUSE (starts at DARPA Emails.pdf, p.1075). That's 'TA1 v7' of 12 Mar 2018: 20180312_DEFUSE_BaricTask7_Congress.pdf
  - That version is complete compared to the one released by USRTK in January 2017 (Baric's first version of 9 Mar 2018).
  - See the differences here: https://draftable.com/compare/etsiSgBltbIi [keep link]
- Starting in June 2017, Daszak was in discussion with DARPA's Gimlett leading to the creation of the PREEMPT program (officially announced 4 Jan 2018). Effectively, his feedback was used by Gimlett to design the program.
- On 28 June 2017, as part of these early discussions, before the PREEMPT program was officially launched, Daszak Shi Zhengli visited Gimlett at DARPA 'to discuss a new potential BTO program in zoonotic diseases'.
  - Daszak's calendar events:

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from: Wed 28 Jun 2017 12:00 **to:** Wed 28 Jun 2017 14:00
location: 675 N Randolph St
Arlington, VA, United States
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: DARPA
Description:
675 N Randolph St
Arlington, VA, United States

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from: Wed 28 Jun 2017 12:00 **to:** Wed 28 Jun 2017 13:30
location: DARPA - Jim's office
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; james.gimlett@darpa.mil
organizer: monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil
Summary: DARPA meeting with EcoHealth Alliance (Dr. Daszak, Dr. Shi)
Description:
DARPA address is:
675 N Randolph St, Arlington, VA 22203

Dr. Peter Daszak, President of the EcoHealth Alliance, to discuss a new potential BTO program in zoonotic diseases. Peter has a collaborator, Dr.Zhengli Shi, Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.

  - DoD.pdf, p.247
  - Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.2691
  - DARPA Emails.pdf, p.1167, NIAID CoV Partner Meetings All Documents.pdf (in folder 'Extra Item 03 NOT TO SHARE'), p17-18

June 26, Monday

- Arrive at 2:20pm JFK
- Check-in at *Wyndham New Yorker*

June 27, Tuesday

- Check-out at 11:00am
- 11:30am-12:00pm: Zhengli Shi's presentation
- 12:00 -- 12:30pm: Q&A
- 12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch (Pizza)
- 1:00 – 3:00pm: China meeting at EHA
- Leave to dinner

June 28, Wednesday

- Train 2109: NEW YORK (PENN STATION), NY - WASHINGTON, DC Depart **8:00 am**
- **Check-in** at *Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square*: 806 15th Street NW 20005 WASHINGTON
- Meeting with DARPA **at 1:00pm** (only Zhengli Shi and Peter Daszak)
- Zhengli Shi & Peter Daszak working on *presentation for NIH meeting*
- Dinner

June 29, Thursday
National Institute of Health
9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892

- Check-out at **7:00am**
- Arrive at **8:30am**
- **9:00-10:00am** PD&ZLS presentation at NIH
- **10:00-11:00am** Meeting with program officer
- SZL & PZ UA Flight from Dulles to Denver, CO
  UA 696 2:45PM – 4:33PM 1 hour driving to the Dulles airport
- Train from WAS to NYC

- The day following the DARPA visit, Shi Zhengli, with the addition of Peng Zhao / Zhou and Li Hongying (Chinese citizen, EHA employee fronting the WIV as the China liaison person), met at the NIAID in the morning for a DMID (Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) Forum
  - The June 2017 visit of DARPA was partially disclosed by EHA, in September 2024—but without stating the actual key purpose—in the unnoticed Appendix 99 of EcoHealth-Alliance-Responses-to-Questions-from-SSCP.pdf.
  - The NIAID presentation was disclosed by EHA in Appendix 98, with Shi Zhengli's name being blacked out ('SARS, MERS and the risk of novel viral emergence from bats').
  - The full set of colour slides for 'SARS, MERS and the risk of novel viral emergence from bats' is in DoD.pdf, p207-246. (See https://drive.proton.me/urls/VN3MF2HGWC#govvqyBNAxOX [keep link].).
  - For reference, USRTK got the relevant information about the NIAID visit in Jan 2024 and April 2025:
    - Foreign Visitor Authorization in USRTK-Prod-2-01.09.24.doj-nih.pdf, p.1-3
    - USRTK-Prod-16-04.10.25.doj-nih.pdf, p.83-91, for the organisation of the NIAID visit,
    - USRTK-Prod-16-04.10.25.doj-nih.pdf, p.154-193 for the black-and-white slides with some redactions.
- EHA then went through the formal abstract (27 Feb 2018, DoD.pdf, p.156) once the PREEMPT program was announced (4 Jan). Gimlett accepted their abstract and gave clear feedback (as is normal) as to what they should take care of in their full proposal. This included some clear risk assessment of the T2 approach, some risk mitigation plan, and some due concerns towards ELSI, DURC, GOF (DoD.pdf, p.158-159) [see also proposers day, 30 Jan 2018]
- Despite this, the final proposal has very little wording for these, just a cut and paste of some wording provided by Baric, which—ironically—went 80% missing in the final proposal when the key page laying these out was wrongly cut out (show before and after, with it in DARPA.pdf, p.43). It is rather possible that DEFUSE may have been approved if that crass error had not been made!

- On 13 June 2018, Gimlett sent a letter turning down the DEFUSE proposal. In doing so, as I previously documented (https://x.com/gdemaneuf/status/1732816916732125188) , he left the door open for acceptance of parts of the proposal, kicking the then toxic can down the road for others to decide (DoD.pdf, p.4-5).
- On 18 Jul 2018, Daszak had a PREEMPT feedback call with Gimlett. This call was mentioned by Gimlett in his testimony. Daszak claims that he never got any feedback from DARPA and that their concerns were not the potential GoF research, lack of safety plan, lack of DURC mitigation plan or ELSI, but simply the fact that EHA asked for too much money (see calendar and Daszak-TI-Transcript.pdf, p.260). *Well, there was a little bit said about DARPA declining to fund this, including people who have said that they declined it because of biosecurity concerns. Absolutely not true. We had an interview with DARPA specifically so they could inform us why it was rejected, I have got the contemporaneous notes right here, never once did biosafety come up. It was too much money. They didn't have enough money. It was too ambitious, which is standard grant -- agency language for too ambitious. So just a little miff around that.. | forgot the question, though.*
  See DARPA Timeline below for more details.
- On 3 Aug 2018, as I documented earlier based on the testimony of an insider (https://x.com/gdemaneuf/status/1732816916732125188), Daszak came back with 4 parts that could be individually funded in an email to Gimlett.
  - Gimlett connected him to Bradley Ringeisen (who was one of the DEFUSE reviewers), to whom Luke Hamel (EHA) sent the 4 proposal units (each at $3.3 mln) with a copy of the full DEFUSE proposal. (PREEMPT Emails Daszak & DARPA.pdf, p.39, 41 & 45, also '37 EHA AND UNC original'.pdf, p.41).
  - This is also documented in the calendar items. We can see that Daszak took one hour on 7 Aug to reread the DEFUSE proposal and split out the four parts.
- On 12 Feb 2019, Daszak noted that he was pushing a $2 mln proposal to DARPA (considerably down from Daszak's $3.3 mln for a part): 'Reducing the risk of SARS-related Coronavirus spillover', status: 'In progress - To be submitted' (corresponding to the Lab & Field sections of PREEMPT).
- On 25 Mar 2020, Daszak and Rohit Chitale reconnected to discuss pandemic prevention projects (DoD.pdf, p.168).
  - This was done under DARPA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR).
  - This resulted in Field Deployable Spatial Viral Risk App' ($300K) and 'Broadscale Immune Boosting Experiment' ($500K), which were effectively recycled parts of DEFUSE.
  - On 3 Jul 2020, Daszak was again in contact with Chitale Rohit to discuss these two seedlings. '(DoD.pdf, p.159-163, p.170. *As you can see, both are scaled down aspects of our original PREEMPT proposal, modified to fit the budget envelope and the current urgency around COVID-19*
  - This is consistent with Daszak's transcript (Daszak-TI-Transcript.pdf, p.261): *No. However, DARPA did come back to us when the pandemic began. And, I mean, with all rational reason, they were very early in the pandemic they said, we are interested in funding parts of your proposal that didn't get funded, because now we have a coronavirus 20 percent different emerging in China from bats, just like your proposal was designed to help prevent. So we talked to them, they suggested different avenues we could work with on this, different sections that could be done. And in the end, I didn't follow up. It was too much work and it didn't involve us. It was more the lab work, all the bat colony work that was to be done in a different country.*
- OTHER SOURCE: 29 Mar 2020: Email from Rohit Chitale to Raina Plowright (cc Monica Zamish, Alex Washburne)
  - Rohit asked Raina if she would be willing to cooperate with EcoHealth Alliance, as part of a discussion on some pivot to COVID-19 work (Raina's lab was one of the winning PREEMPT ones, her team includes Vincent Munster of Rocky Mountain Lab, which was also part of DEFUSE).

- The idea was to extend their work from Bangladesh and Australia to China, by tapping into EcoHealth Alliance Chinese samples (Plowright_AllTo20250204.pdf, p.910; this is in a little-known FOI'd document on which nobody has ever reported).
- For the All Teams Profiles and all Lightning Slides used for Presenters Day (30 Jan 2018) included (Plowright_AllTo20250204.pdf. p.1057-1138, Plowright lab is at p.1114, EHA DEFUSE at p.1083).

- **Note:** Many of the tips I got via a DARPA insider are confirmed below. I wrote about these here at the time (https://x.com/gdemaneuf/status/1732816916732125188)

1.2. DARPA Timeline

When	What	Details
16 Jun 2017 45 min	Monica Zamisch (DARPA) organizes a teleconference with Daszak, Shi Zhengli, Hongying, James Gimlett to discuss a potential Zoonosis project NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	(Daszak's calendar event) **from:** Fri 16 Jun 2017 7:45 **to:** Fri 16 Jun 2017 8:30 (EST) **location:** teleconference **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** andre@ecohealthalliance.org; zlshi@wh.iov.cn; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; li@ecohealthalliance.org; james.gimlett@darpa.mil; monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil **organizer:** monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil **Summary:** EcoHealth Alliance - DARPA call on Zoonosis discussion
28 Jun 2017 1h30 min	Shi Zhengli and Daszak visit James Gimlett and Monica Zamisch at DARPA NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	(Daszak's calendar event) **from:** Wed 28 Jun 2017 13:00 **to:** Wed 28 Jun 2017 14:30 **location:** DARPA - Jim's office **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; james.gimlett@darpa.mil **organizer:** monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil **Summary:** DARPA meeting with EcoHealth Alliance (Dr. Daszak, Dr. Shi) **Description:** [..] Peter Daszak, President of the EcoHealth Alliance, to discuss a new potential BTO program in zoonotic diseases. Peter has a collaborator, Dr.Zhengli Shi, Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. (See DoD.pdf, p.247, 'Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf' p.2691)
29 Jun 2017	NIAID meeting with Daszak, Shi Zhengli and Peng Zhao (Bethesda, 20 km from Washington, DC and DARPA)	The day after meeting Gimlett at DARPA, Peter, Shi Zhengli and Peng Zhao (WIV). Gimlett may have also been present at the NIAID. Peter and Zhengli gave a talk: 'SARS, MERS and the risk of novel viral emergence from bats' accessible here ('Peter Daszak Zhengli Shi NIAID June 2017.pdf' NEW ELEMENT **KEY** (See DoD.pdf, p.31-71.) *Good to meet you both today.* *Attached is a pdf of the talk Zhengli and I will be giving at NIAID tomorrow. Hope to see you there, and please don't hesitate to get in touch with any follow up questions, or if you need references or further discussion....* --- **Notes:** • The NIAID meeting was reported from a different angle (without the full presentation and the mention of DARPA) by USRTK in January 2024. • The presentation was released, without anybody noticing, by EHA in Appendix 98 of EcoHealth-Alliance-Responses-to-Questions-from-SSCP.pdf (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rPMkHoiMZt5H4cF9QbVtUonkkJyY65BH/view?usp=sharing)

1-3 Oct 2017	Cell Symposia conference in Arlington, VA (5 km to Washington, DC and next door to DARPA).	Peter, Zhengli, Linfa, Gao there as speakers (https://web.archive.org/web/20171119091633/http://cell-symposia.com/emerging-viruses-2017/conference-speakers.asp). Fauci is keynote speaker: • Fauci: Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases: From AIDS to Zika • Zhengli: SARS coronavirus may have originated from frequent recombination events between SL-CoVs in a single horseshoe bat habitat • Gao: Enveloped virus entry: From Flu to Ebola • Linfa Wang: Programme in emerging infectious diseases. (see program). The main elements of EHA cooperation with China are effectively there. Gao is listed as one of the four organizers of the conference. --- Notes: • Peter left on 2nd Oct at 1 pm to go back to NY. • Cell Symposia mentioned by USRTK (https://usrtk.org/covid-19-origins/daszak-shi-visits-nih-fauci/).
4 Jan 2018	DARPA officially announces the PREEMPT program	DARPA has announced the Biological Technologies Office's new Preventing Emerging Pathogenic Threats (PREEMPT) program, led by Dr. Jim Gimlett: http://www.darpa.mil/news-events/2018-01-04 (PREEMPT Emails Daszak & DARPA.pdf, p.165)
16 Jan 2018	Daszak invites Baric to join DEFUSE	DARPA Emails.pdf, p.1167: NEW ELEMENT *Dear Ralph,* *Last summer I went to DARPA with Zhengli to talk with Jim Gimlett about the CoV work in China. He was very interested and mentioned a program he was developing to model viral emergence and demonstrate proof-of-concept for preventing spillover. DARPA has released information on the new program called PREEMPT (see attached Special Notice, and the news release here: https://www.darpa.mil/news-events/2018-01-04). [..]* *I think this RFP will be a great fit for EHA. The modeling is exactly the sort work we've been doing (hotspots, prediction of viral diversity, prediction of host-viral traits), and the field and viral discovery work is exactly the sort of work we've been doing in China with Zhengli and Linfa and in other countries through our NIH-funded Nipah work and PREDICT. I've spoken with Linfa and Zhengli and we are planning to apply for this as a collaborative group.* *Would you be willing to sign onto this collaborative group exclusively? Your proven expertise in manipulating CoVs and others in the lab is exactly what's discussed in the attached doc and this would be a great opportunity to continue our collaborative work in a more focused way.*
30 Jan 2018	Proposers Day	DARPA held a Proposers Day on January 30, 2018, in Arlington, Virginia (PREEMPT Emails Daszak & DARPA.pdf, p.165). See • full set of attendees profiles. • full set of 'Lightning Talk' slides. EHA slide is added as a separate one at the end **(likely did not meet the criteria for a Lightning Talk as being too verbose).** Raina Plowright (also presenting) commented in an FOI'd email: '*EcoHealth are going full throttle on this one*'. NEW ELEMENT

13 Feb 2018	Abstract submission. Letter of intent deadline.	Length limit: 8 pages, with font 12 minimum points. Daszak knows quite well that he is asking for too much (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.2,784) *Re. the total budget - please don't view that as final - they're planning to give out $40 million over the 3.5 years total to anything from 1 to 6 projects. Given that there were probably 3 or 4 other viable teams in the room at the proposer's conference, I think that $14.8 million is probably the maximum they would give any project, and it's more likely that they'll fund three or four at 8 million and two or three smaller projects. They'll hopefully give some clearer guidance as we move towards a full proposal.* NEW ELEMENT **KEY**
27 Feb 2018	Confirmation by email to Daszak that his PREEMPT Abstract has been selected	This is an invitation to file a full proposal (length limit: 36 pages, with font 12 minimum points). The invitation lists a few specific points to answer in the full proposal, including (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.2746-2749, ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001404-ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001645.pdf p.190). *As required by the BAA, include a risk mitigation plan, and fully address: Ethical Legal and Societal Implications (ELSI), Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC), Gain Of Function (GOF) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).* Daszak is again aware that his $14M proposal is too high, but instead decides to try to *'hedge against any possible cuts*' later. NEW ELEMENT
2 Mar 2018	DARPA call with EHA to discuss the Proposal Abstract NEW ELEMENT	DARPA set up 15 min calls with all the teams with selected abstracts. EHA has theirs at 10:30-10:45 am. Somehow, Daszak managed to mess up the time and dialed in earlier, when specifically instructed beforehand not to make that mistake, since the same conference call line was used for all teams. He seems to have missed the actual EHA call. (ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001404-ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001645.pdf p.187-188) **Peter Daszak** <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 11:25 AM To: "Glynn, Audrey (contr-bto)" <audrey.glynn.ctr@darpa.mil>, "Gimlett, James" <james.gimlett@darpa.mil>, "Zamisch, Monica (contr-bto)" <monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil>, "Rivas, Victoria (contr-dso)" <victoria.rivas.ctr@darpa.mil>, "Kumar, Srikanta (contr-dso)" <Srikanta.Kumar.ctr@darpa.mil> Cc: Alison Andre <andre@ecohealthalliance.org>, Luke Hamel <hamel@ecohealthalliance.org>, "William B. Karesh" <karesh@ecohealthalliance.org> Audrey and Jim, Thanks for the time to discuss our proposal today. Like you Jim, I'm at home today but without power, and I now realize that I got my schedule wrong and called in early. Apologies to all and hope I didn't mess up the calls for you. I'm not sure if all of your staff were on the call, so if there are any other comments that they had, I'd be happy to set up another time for a call, or you could send then by email. Again, thanks for the time and useful comments. Cheers, Peter
early Mar 2018	EHA asks Shi Zhengli to share their database NEW ELEMENT	As part of the DEFUSE proposal preparation, in March 2018, Li Hongying (the EHA person in relation with China) asked Shi Zhengli for the full database of bat CoVs testing results done at the WIV for the last 8-10 years. She added that 'we won't share the data'. This shows that EHA had no access to the bat testing data, and also that they could not share it anyway with any external party (which is correct indeed under PREDICT conditions, as intellectual rights remain with China). (37 EHA AND UNC original.pdf, p.66):

12 Mar 2018	Baric sends his latest section of the DEFUSE draft proposal NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	Latest version was 'TA1 v7.docx'. That version is more complete than the one earlier version released by USRTK (dated 9 Mar). See differences at **https://draftable.com/compare/etsiSgBltbIi**; **in particular, it has extra 2x passaging, 2x FCS.** **Note:** **This is essential because that is the best and most definite version of what Baric had in mind.** What went into the DEFUSE documentation had to be reduced into a rather short version, due to space limitations.
23 Mar 2018	Baric provides language for the 'Risk Mitigation;' section. for TA1,	4 days before the deadline, Luke Hammel (EHA) asked Baric for the GoF language (11:05 am). The Risk Mitigation section is effectively the last thing Daszak worked on (37 EHA AND UNC original.pdf, p.194-195). *The PREEMPT BAA states that proposers must comply with government guidance regarding potential gain-of-function research of concern. Given that your work in DEFUSE involves this, could you please write a short section (one paragraph) to be included in the 'Risk Mitigation Plan'?* Amy Sims (UNC) answers for Baric a few hours later (3:31 pm) (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.931-932, 37 EHA AND UNC original.pdf, p.194)
26 Mar 2018	Last revisions on TA2 NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	Tonie Rooke (USGS (US Geological Survey) National Wildlife Health Center) gives some last comments on his section (TA2, vaccine booster) in an obsolete version. **Ironically, most of the Risk Mitigation section, including DURC mitigation, went missing as one full page was accidentally dropped in the rush to finish the document, after some bad edits around 26 or 27 March.** **One must seriously consider the possibility that, had that crass mistake not been made, DEFUSE might have been actually accepted.**
27 Mar 2018 4 pm	DARPA PREEMPT Deadline	The deadline is missed by a few hours by Alexei and Peter due to technical difficulties and by only finishing the proposal the same day. They resort to taking photos of the laptop screen showing documents being loaded (ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001404-ECOHEALTHALLIANCE_000001645.pdf p.224-242) Note the mention of 'Volume 2' being loaded (maybe a detailed budget).
29 Mar 2018	DARPA submission issues discussed in EHA staff meeting	Staff meeting discussions on issues with DEFUSE submission. Well reported by Katherine Eban. The main issue was that the document had been prepared too late. Interestingly, Daszak does not seem to have noticed that the crucial P3CO and ELSI mitigation page was missing in the document that was uploaded.

~10 Jun 2018	Recommended rejection by Gimlett (as per internal 'PM Summary Sheet')	In his internal 'Program Manager Summary Sheet', Gimlett finds DEFUSE 'selectable but not currently recommended for funding', after an external review and internal arguments (2/3 reviewers found it selectable). This leaves a way for the SRO (Senior Risk Officer) to decide whether to fund at least part of it. (See my detailed review based on some insider's tips.) (PREEMPT Emails Daszak & DARPA.pdf, p.121-122) The internal notes point to the lack of DURC and ELSI mitigation ('Regulatory and ELSI issues are not discussed'), which is actually due to the key page having been mislaid in the rush to finish the proposal on time! As a precaution, the requirement to have a DURC risk mitigation plan in place is added in the last paragraph, in case part of the proposal shall later be funded (as the letter leaves open). *For the above reasons I am not currently recommending funding of this effort. However, there are several components of great interest in this proposed effort that are potentially fundable should additional funding become available.* *The team discusses risk mitigation strategies to address potential risks of the research to public health and animal safety but does not mention or assess potential risks of Gain of Function (GoF) research and DURC. Given the team's approach does potentially involve GoF/DURC research (they aim to synthesize spike glycoproteins that may bind to human cell receptors and insert them into SARSr-CoV backbones ot assess capacity to cause SARS-like disease), if selected for funding an appropriate DURC risk mitigation plan should be incorporated into contracting language that includes a responsible communications plan.* **Note:** The 'PM (Program Manager) Summary Sheet' is an internal document, that is attached as a cover-sheet to the Evaluation Report. It follows the template given in DARPAGuideBAARA.pdf (Appendix 1, Exhibit 3).
13 Jun 2018	SRO final decision and DARPA rejection letter NEW ELEMENT	A very brief letter of rejection, with none of the reasons specified in the 'PM Summary Sheet', is emailed to Daszak. *[..] Your submission has been reviewed in accordance with the criteria set forth in that announcement. Based on that review, your proposal was not selected for funding. [..]* *If you would like an informal feedback session to discuss your proposal, we request that you e-mail the BAA Mailbox (PREEMPT@darpa.mil) within three weeks of the date of this letter. Thank you for your interest in DARPA and the Biological Technologies Office* **Note:** • The Scientific Review Official is the one that makes the final decision whether to fund a specific proposal. Typically, the SRO reaches his position 3 days after the PM gave his recommendations that were encapsulated in the PM Summary Sheets. • The rejection letter sent to Daszak has none of the reasons listed in the internal 'PM Summary Sheet', but a short feedback session could be arranged. It happened on 18 Jul 2018.

18 Jul 2018 15 min	PREEMPT feedback telecon with EcoHealth Alliance (after notification of refusal on 13 June) NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	(Daszak's calendar event) **from:** Wed 18 Jul 2018 9:20 **to:** Wed 18 Jul 2018 9:35 (EST) **location:** Telecon [..] **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; desmond.donaghue@darpa.mil; preempt@darpa.mil; victoria.rivas.ctr@darpa.mil; hamel@ecohealthalliance.org **organizer:** james.gimlett@darpa.mil **Summary:** PREEMPT feedback telecon with EcoHealth Alliance --- **Notes**: • This call was mentioned by Gimlett in his testimony. • Daszak claims that he never got any feedback from DARPA, and that their concerns were no safety plan, potential GoF research, lack of DURC mitigation plan, no ELSI, but simply the fact that EHA asked for too much money (see calendar and Daszak-TI-Transcript.pdf, p.260). *Well, there was a little bit said about DARPA declining to fund this, including people who have said that they declined it because of biosecurity concerns. Absolutely not true. We had an interview with DARPA specifically so they could inform us why it was rejected, I have got the contemporaneous notes right here, never once did biosafety come up. It was too much money. They didn't have enough money. It was too ambitious, which is standard grant -- agency language for too ambitious. So just a little miff around that.. I forgot the question, though.* • While Daszak would not have necessarily seen the PM Summary Sheet (see 13 Jun 2028), the feedback call should have relayed the concerns that Gimlett wrote down there.
7 Aug 2018 15 min	Brad Ringeisen/Peter Daszak Discussion for potential fundings of parts of DEFUSE NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	(Daszak's calendar events) **from:** Tue 06 Aug 2018 20:00 **to:** Tue 06 Aug 2018 22:00 (EST) **location:** **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org **organizer:** **Summary:** Read DARPA, split out --- **from:** Tue 07 Aug 2018 10:30 **to:** Tue 07 Aug 2018 10:45 (EST) **location:** +1 (719) 785-9461; PW 9784# **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org **organizer:** bradley.ringeisen@darpa.mil **Summary:** Brad Ringeisen/Peter Daszak Discussion
23 Aug 2018 12 Sep 2018	Mentions of 'DARPA White Paper' for Brad Ringeisen NEW ELEMENT	(Daszak's calendar event) Likely a follow-up to the 7 Aug 2018 call.
12 Feb 2019	Attempt to recycle parts of DEFUSE NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	During All Staff meeting, mention of 'DARPA: Reducing the risk of SARS-related Coronavirus spillover (Lab & Field sections of PREEMPT) - $2M'

25 Mar 2020	Attempt to recycle parts of DEFUSE (cont.) NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	Daszak and Rohit Chitale reconnected to discuss pandemic prevention projects (DoD.pdf, p.164-169) • This was done under DARPA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR). • This resulted in the 'Field Deployable Spatial Viral Risk App' ($300K) and 'Broadscale Immune Boosting Experiment' ($500K), which were effectively recycled parts of DEFUSE. • This is consistent with Daszak's transcript (Daszak-TI-Transcript.pdf, p.261): *No. However, DARPA did come back to us when the pandemic began. And, I mean, with all rational reason, they were very early in the pandemic they said, we are interested in funding parts of your proposal that didn't get funded, because now we have a coronavirus 20 percent different emerging in China from bats, just like your proposal was designed to help prevent. So we talked to them, they suggested different avenues we could work with on this, different sections that could be done. And in the end, I didn't follow up. It was too much work and it didn't involve us. It was more the lab work, all the bat colony work that was to be done in a different country.*
29-30 Mar 2020	Attempt to include EHA China data in another DARPA project. NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	Raina Plowright's lab was one of the five successful PREEMPT proposals. In Mar 2020, as it did with EHA even if DEFUSE was unsuccessful, DARPA was looking into some quick additional project with Raina Plowright's lab, by looking into BatCoV spillovers using her team's data in Australia and Bangladesh. On that occasion, DARPA's Rohit Chitale and Monica Zamish wanted to see Raina's lab collaborate with EHA to use their China data (Alex Washburne in cc.) [..] *2. Would it be useful to compare the dynamics of CoV in bats from these areas of* *the world (Bangladesh/Australia) vs. China, where the virus has spilled over more frequently?* *3. We would like you to consider a potential collaboration with EcoHealth Alliance (or another competent organization) that has samples from China in order to understand better what are key factors that drive spillover events ,esp wrt nCoV.*
13 May 2020	Attempt to recycle parts of DEFUSE (cont.) NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	(Daszak's calendar event) **from:** Wed 13 May 2020 15:00 **to:** Wed 13 May 2020 16:00 (EST) **location:** 1-866-692-4538,,,63277637# **status:** CONFIRMED **attendees:** andre@ecohealthalliance.org; chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; hamel@ecohealthalliance.org; ishanu@uchicago.edu; olival@ecohealthalliance.org; ishanu.chattopadhyay@gmail.com; srikanta.kumar.ctr@darpa.mil; monica.zamisch.ctr@darpa.mil **organizer:** rohit.chitale@darpa.mil **Summary:** Bats and HCOV-19 Discussion/Connection
3 Jul 2020	Attempt to recycle parts of DEFUSE (cont.) NEW ELEMENT **KEY**	Daszak was again in contact with Chitale Rohit to discuss these two seedlings. (DoD.pdf, p.159-163, p.170-171. *As you can see, both are scaled down aspects of our original PREEMPT proposal, modified to fit the budget envelope and the current urgency around COVID-19*

2. Daszak's Lancet letter

2.1. Farrar's role and publication

- Best source: 08 Lancet.pdf,
- Daszak started the Lancet letter effort on 6 Feb 2020. The following week (11-12 Feb 2020), Daszak was at a WHO BluePrint meeting in Geneva. Daszak, Embarek and Koopmans worked together at that meeting as part of an animal origin working group. Jeremy Farrar was co-chair of the BluePrint event.
- Beyond the first formation of the Daszak-Koopmans-Embarek trio that will be repeated during the WHO mission of February 2021, that event also gave Daszak the occasion to discuss his letter of support with key people: **Farrar**, **Mike Ryan** of the WHO, and **Christian Drosten,** on 11-12 Feb.
- On 12 Feb, as per 08 Lancet.pdf, p.57, Peter Daszak discussed his planned 'Statement of Support' with Jeremy Farrar during a shared taxi trip back to Geneva airport. As a result, Farrar quickly emailed **Mike Ryan** and **Bernhard Schwartländer** (the extremely pro-China **right-hand man of Tedros**), plus Daszak and Drosten, to discuss the coming Proximal Origin (which he had totally shaped to help the WHO, see https://bit.ly/Summary_PO for the details).

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Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>

COVID-19 issue

8 messages

Jeremy Farrar <J.Farrar@wellcome.ac.uk> Wed, Feb 12, 2020 at 9:34 AM
To: Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>, Christian Drosten <christian.drosten@charite.de>, Michael RYAN <ryanm@who.int>, "Bernhard F. SCHWARTLANDER" <schwartlanderb@who.int>

Got a taxi to airport and on flight with Peter.

I hope there is a paper/letter ready this week to go to Nature (and WHO) which effectively puts to bed the issue of the origin of the virus.

I do think important to get ahead of even more discussion on this which may well come if this spreads more to US and elsewhere and other "respected" scientists publish something more inflammatory.

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Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Thu, Feb 13, 2020 at 12:35 AM
To: Jeremy Farrar <J.Farrar@wellcome.ac.uk>, Christian Drosten <christian.drosten@charite.de>, Michael RYAN <ryanm@who.int>, "Bernhard F. SCHWARTLANDER" <schwartlanderb@who.int>

Thanks Jeremy - good talking with you at the airport and I'm relieved that the upcoming paper will state that the sequence data suggests a natural origin, likely with an intermediate host (hence the Furin cleavage site insertion).
Timing is everything - our colleagues in Wuhan are now getting death threats, and I see that there are scientists in the US jumping on the back of the conspiracy trolls, which is disturbing. To get ahead of this, a group of us have signed a simple statement of support for scientists and health professionals in China that also condemns the conspiracy theories. I've attached it here (Mike and Christian - this is the letter I mentioned at the reception at WHO). We've sent this out to around 40 well-known public health leaders in a number of countries and expect to add other signatures over the next two days. We will then submit as a letter to a journal, and hopefully help shift public opinion in a small way.

Two questions to you all: 1) Would you be willing to also join us as a signatory on this letter? A simple "Yes" would suffice, and if so please let us know the correct affiliation
2) To Jeremy - would you be willing to talk to the editor of either Nature or Lancet to get this published rapidly, maybe coinciding with the sequence analysis?

Cheers,

Peter

- Farrar insisted on the importance of 'getting ahead' of the rumors. Daszak happily jumped on the not-so-subtle opening and pitched his letter this time to **Bernhard Schwartländer** (he had already discussed it with Mike Ryan on the 11 Feb at the opening of the WHO event):
  '*To get ahead of this, a group of us have signed a simple statement of support..*'
- Effectively, Farrar was just repeating the operation that he had already executed with Proximal Origin, which was to shut down the debate to allow the WHO to seek access to China. Daszak (likely not believing his luck) artfully surfed that effort by pushing his letter to Tedros via Schwartländer.
- Farrar then offered to get the letter published in Lancet (as Calisher *et al*. 2020) instead of just appearing on ChangeOrg website, as Daszak had first planned. Hence, Jeremy was directly responsible for facilitating the publication of both Daszak's letter in Lancet and that of Proximal Origin in Nature's group of journals.

Jeremy Farrar <J.Farrar@wellcome.ac.uk> Thu, Feb 13, 2020 at 2:47 AM
To: Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>
Cc: Christian Drosten <christian.drosten@charite.de>, Michael RYAN <ryanm@who.int>, "Bernhard F. SCHWARTLANDER" <schwartlanderb@who.int>, Josie Golding <J.Golding@wellcome.ac.uk>

Josie and I happy to sign
Send to Richard H at the Lancet

> On 13 Feb 2020, at 05:36, Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:
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> Thanks Jeremy - good talking with you at the airport and I'm relieved that the upcoming paper will state that the sequence data suggests a natural origin, likely with an intermediate host (hence the Furin cleavage site insertion). Timing is everything - our colleagues in Wuhan are now getting death threats, and I see that there are scientists in the

- On 14 Feb, Peter tried to get Mark Ryan **and even Tedros** to sign the letter: 08 Lancet.pdf, p.67.
- Note that one direct consequence of this is that not only Farrar, but also the WHO knew from the very beginning that Daszak was the one behind the Letter of Support. And they still perpetuated the illusion.

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Invitation to act as key co-signatory of an important statement of support for Chinese scientists and health professionals
1 message

Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 12:18 AM
To: Michael RYAN <ryanm@who.int>
Cc: Alison Andre <andre@ecohealthalliance.org>, Hongying Li <li@ecohealthalliance.org>, "Aleksei Chmura (chmura@ecohealthalliance.org)" <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>

Mike – it was a pleasure to talk with you in Geneva, and I want to ask if you'd be willing to sign on to this letter, and maybe ask if Dr. Tedros would also sign, as you suggested this week. I've attached the letter with the list of current signatories, including Jeremy Farrar. The goal is not to submit to *The Lancet* in the next couple of days, once I've heard back from you and a couple of other v. busy people.

Here's the email I sent out to others, FYI.

- On 17 Feb, Daszak emailed Horton at Lancet to get the letter published. 08 Lancet.pdf, p.416.
- Lancet then offered to pitch key journalists about the letter: 08 Lancet.pdf, p.347.
- In fine, the key motivation of Daszak is well exposed on the same day, 17 Feb 2020 (also the online publication date of the Lancet letter), in 08 Lancet.pdf, p.176:

- We can see that Daszak motivation for the Lancet letter was not some supposed threats to Chinese scientists in China (!!??), **but simply that he was concerned by the open-handed form of the answer to OSTP** (following the call on 3 February, in which Daszak and Andersen participated, with some FBI and ODNI elements) **and the possibility of passaging that had been actively discussed.**
- This revelation is in an email exchange with Linda Saif, which started by her mentioning her coming EMI natural origin paper (which was fraudulent on so many levels)

Saif, Linda <saif.2@osu.edu> Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 3:34 PM
To: Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>

Wow! Great to hear this.

I have had several contacts from China with whom I am anxious to share this statement and the EMI commentary as soon as published.

Seem like should be sent to Cotton's office and other Congressional offices and also shared with the NAS!

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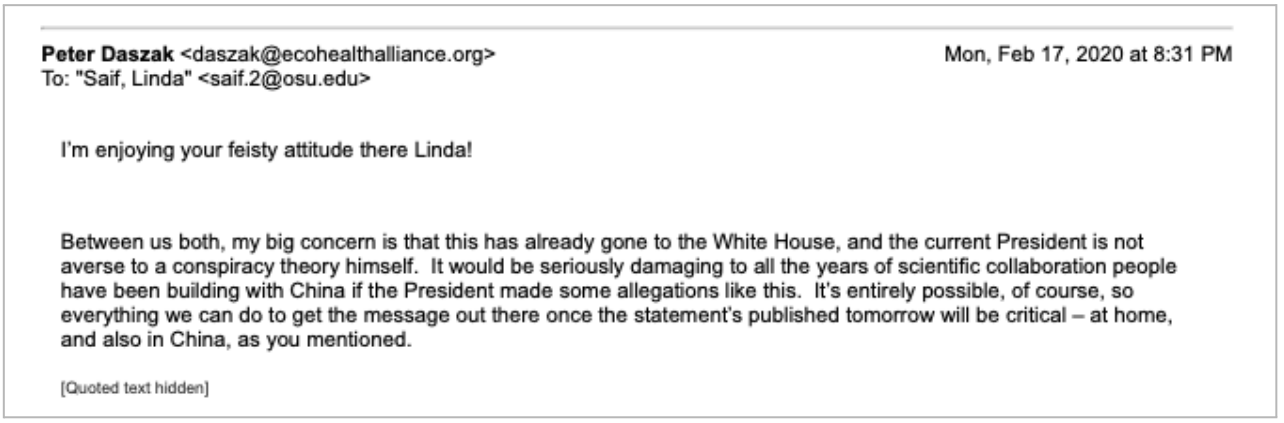

Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 8:31 PM
To: "Saif, Linda" <saif.2@osu.edu>

I'm enjoying your feisty attitude there Linda!

Between us both, my big concern is that this has already gone to the White House, and the current President is not averse to a conspiracy theory himself. It would be seriously damaging to all the years of scientific collaboration people have been building with China if the President made some allegations like this. It's entirely possible, of course, so everything we can do to get the message out there once the statement's published tomorrow will be critical – at home, and also in China, as you mentioned.

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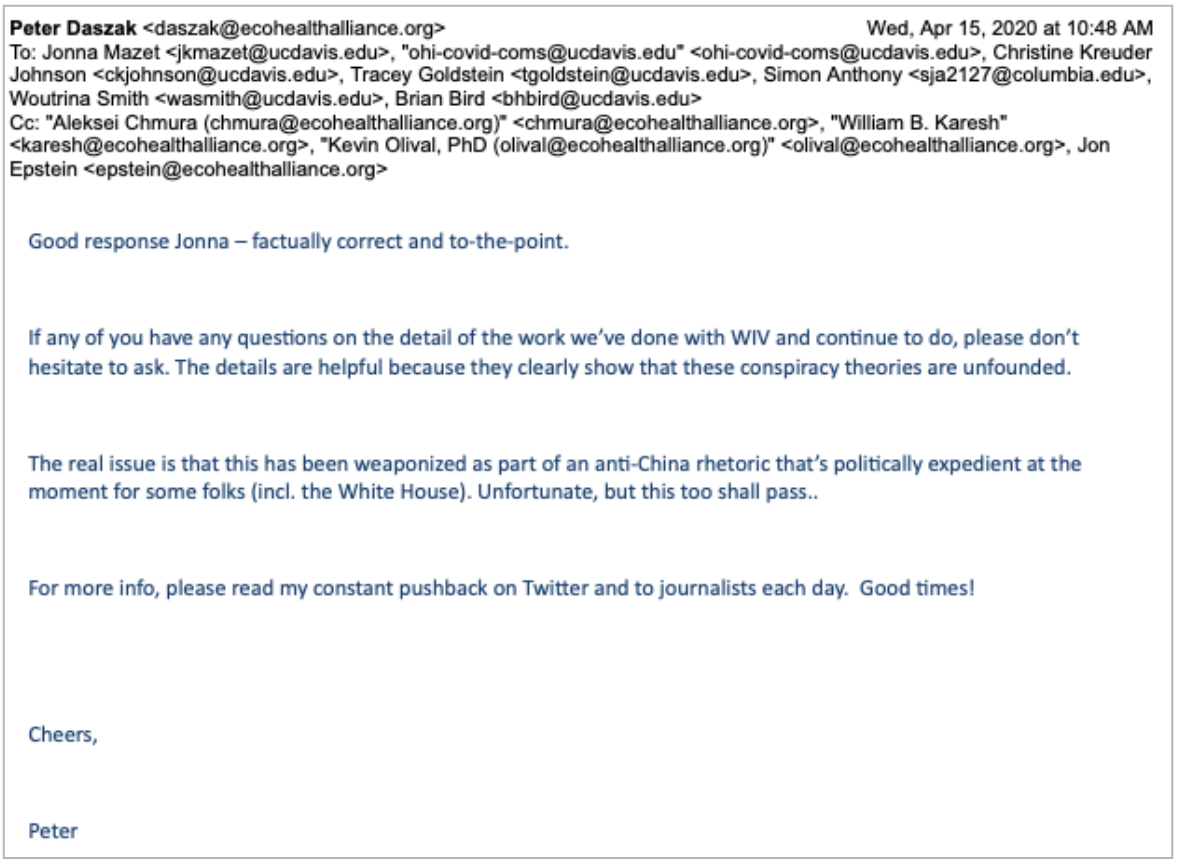
- Another exchange reinforces that point. During a discussion of the embassy cables on 15 Apr 2020, Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p 1191:



Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 10:48 AM
To: Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>, "ohi-covid-coms@ucdavis.edu" <ohi-covid-coms@ucdavis.edu>, Christine Kreuder Johnson <ckjohnson@ucdavis.edu>, Tracey Goldstein <tgoldstein@ucdavis.edu>, Simon Anthony <sja2127@columbia.edu>, Woutrina Smith <wasmith@ucdavis.edu>, Brian Bird <bhbird@ucdavis.edu>
Cc: "Aleksei Chmura (chmura@ecohealthalliance.org)" <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>, "William B. Karesh" <karesh@ecohealthalliance.org>, "Kevin Olival, PhD (olival@ecohealthalliance.org)" <olival@ecohealthalliance.org>, Jon Epstein <epstein@ecohealthalliance.org>

Good response Jonna – factually correct and to-the-point.

If any of you have any questions on the detail of the work we've done with WIV and continue to do, please don't hesitate to ask. The details are helpful because they clearly show that these conspiracy theories are unfounded.

The real issue is that this has been weaponized as part of an anti-China rhetoric that's politically expedient at the moment for some folks (incl. the White House). Unfortunate, but this too shall pass..

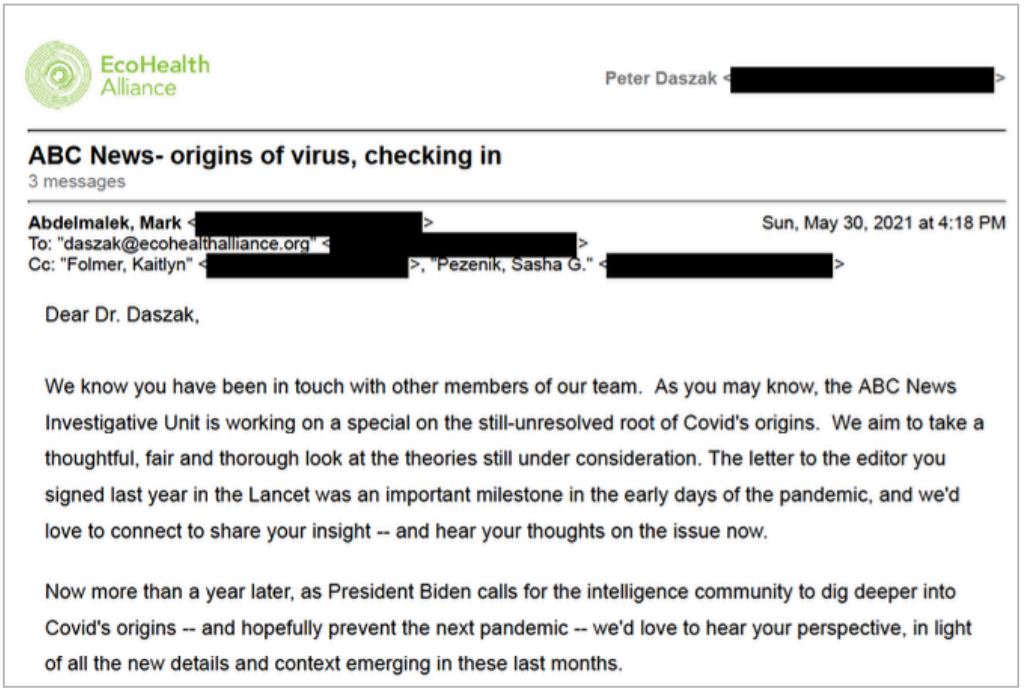
For more info, please read my constant pushback on Twitter and to journalists each day. Good times!

Cheers,

Peter

2.2. Biden's intel request and first Lancet controversy in 2021

- Best sources: 2024 04 25 SSCP Production 01.pdf and 2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf
- CONTEXT (a real sandpit fight):
  - On 20 May 2021, following Biden's intel review decision, Mark Abdelmalek of the ABC News Investigative Unit (Folmer, Pezenik, Abdelmalek) emailed Daszak to ask him if he considered there was any new element that could have changed his opinion on the Origins since his Lancet letter (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 01.pdf, p.96).
    The letter to the editor you signed last year in the Lancet was an important milestone in the early days of the pandemic, and we'd love to connect to share your insight - and hear your thoughts on the issue now. Now more than a year later, as President Biden calls for the intelligence community to dig deeper into Covid's origins - and hopefully prevent the next pandemic - we'd love to hear your perspective, in light of all the new details and context emerging in these last months. How has your understanding and expert opinion changed or evolved, especially around the possibility that the virus could have leaked from a lab?
  - Daszak decided not to answer (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 01.pdf, p.97), and informed EHA communications director (Robert Kessler)
  - Hume Field (EHA) was also contacted and refused (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 01.pdf, p.98).



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Peter Daszak <[redacted]>

ABC News- origins of virus, checking in

3 messages

Abdelmalek, Mark <[redacted]> Sun, May 30, 2021 at 4:18 PM
To: "daszak@ecohealthalliance.org" <[redacted]>
Cc: "Folmer, Kaitlyn" <[redacted]>, "Pezenik, Sasha G." <[redacted]>

Dear Dr. Daszak,

We know you have been in touch with other members of our team. As you may know, the ABC News Investigative Unit is working on a special on the still-unresolved root of Covid's origins. We aim to take a thoughtful, fair and thorough look at the theories still under consideration. The letter to the editor you signed last year in the Lancet was an important milestone in the early days of the pandemic, and we'd love to connect to share your insight -- and hear your thoughts on the issue now.

Now more than a year later, as President Biden calls for the intelligence community to dig deeper into Covid's origins -- and hopefully prevent the next pandemic -- we'd love to hear your perspective, in light of all the new details and context emerging in these last months.

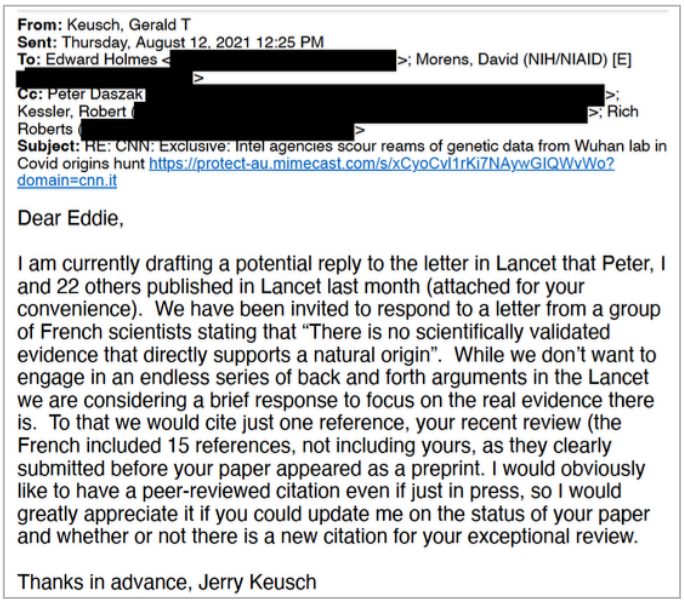
  - On 27 June 2021, a week after Jeffrey Sachs recused Daszak from the Lancet commission origin group, Ian Birrell published an article in the Daily Mail, that took a broad swipe at the Lancet journal for supporting the Chinese narrative, with a particular focus on the Lancet letter (Calisher *et al*. 2020).
  - In the form of a reply, a new letter by essentially the same authors was published 17 Jul 2021 in Lancet (Calisher *et al* (2021)). That letter, titled 'Science, not speculation, is essential to determine how SARS-CoV-2 reached humans' was an answer to questions these authors were asked about the original Lancet letter they signed in Feb 2021.
  - Calisher *et al*. (2021) presented the Lancet letter (Calisher *et al*. 2020) as first a statement of support to Chinese scientists, and only after that as an opinion on the origins, based on available information at the time (despite the fact that Daszak's purpose was first and foremost interested in shutting down the lab accident theory, as this extract ('key motivation') shows.
    Recently, many of us have individually received inquiries asking whether we still support what we said in early 2020.[1] The answer is clear: we reaffirm our expression of solidarity with those in China who confronted the outbreak then, and the many health professionals around the world

who have since worked to exhaustion, and at personal risk, in the relentless and continuing battle against this virus. Our respect and gratitude have only grown with time. [..] The second intent of our original Correspondence was to express our working view that SARS-CoV-2 most likely originated in nature and not in a laboratory, on the basis of early genetic analysis of the new virus and well established evidence from previous emerging infectious diseases, including the coronaviruses that cause the common cold as well as the original SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV.2 Opinions, however, are neither data nor conclusions. [..] Careful and transparent collection of scientific information is essential to understand how the virus has spread and to develop strategies to mitigate the ongoing impact of COVID-19, whether it occurred wholly within nature or might somehow have reached the community via an alternative route, and prevent future pandemics.

- Then, following the uproar caused by the WHO mission report of March 2021, the Lancet published a letter of the Paris Group asking for a proper investigation (van Helden *et al.*, 17 Sep 2021). That letter took a swipe at the original Lancet letter (Calisher *et al.*, 2020) and the recent rather hypocritical re-affirmation of it, i.e. Calisher *et al.* 2021,
  There is so far no scientifically validated evidence that directly supports a natural origin. Among the references cited in the two letters by Calisher and colleagues,[1,2] all but one simply show that SARS-CoV-2 is phylogenetically related to other betacoronaviruses.
- In the process, the authors of Calisher *et al (*2020 and 2021) were asked by the Lancet to write a pendant to the Paris Group to be published on the very same day as van Helden *et al*. That answer is 'An appeal for an objective, open, and transparent scientific debate about the origin of SARS-CoV-2 – Authors' reply. (Keusch *et al*, 17 Sep 2021).
  That answer insists on the necessity to play nice with China to get access:
  However, while we need more evidence, the world will remain mired in dispute without full engagement of China, including open access to primary data, documents, and relevant stored material to enable a thorough, transparent, and objective search for all relevant evidence. As we have already seen[6] this engagement is impossible in an environment of implicit or explicit blame placed on the Wuhan Institute of Virology and its scientists. We stand by our statement that "recrimination has not, and will not, encourage international cooperation and collaboration".[1]

- 2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf shows that:
  - On 12 Aug 2021, Keusch explained to Holmes (Morens, Daszak, Kessler and Rich Roberts in cc) that he was drafting an answer in Lancet at the same time as the publication of van Helden *et al* (before asking him if his latest Cell paper was ready to reference in his answer). (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf, p.125)
    I am currently drafting a potential reply to the letter in Lancet that Peter, I and 22 others published in Lancet last month (attached for your convenience). We have been invited to respond to a letter from a group of French scientists stating that "There is no scientifically validated evidence that directly supports a natural origin". While we don't want to engage in an endless series of back and forth arguments in the Lancet we are considering a brief response to focus on

the real evidence there is.



From: Keusch, Gerald T
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Edward Holmes <[redacted]>; Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]
Cc: Peter Daszak [redacted]; Kessler, Robert [redacted]; Rich Roberts [redacted]
Subject: RE: CNN: Exclusive: Intel agencies scour reams of genetic data from Wuhan lab in Covid origins hunt https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/xCyoCvI1rKi7NAywGIQWvWo?domain=cnn.it

Dear Eddie,

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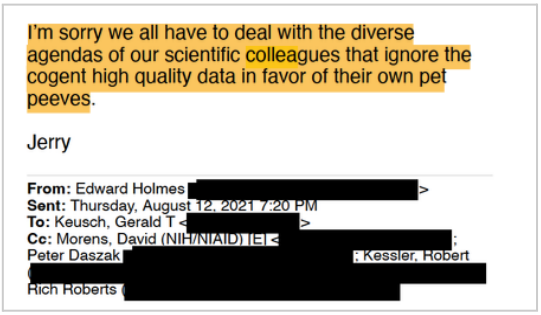
Thanks in advance, Jerry Keusch

- Holmes replied (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf, p.124):
  What would evidence of a natural origin look like? It would be SARS-CoV-2 being most closely related to animal viruses that have not been isolated or cultured in the lab, which is exactly what we have at the moment.
- To which Keusch replied (13 Aug) by taking a swipe at the Paris group scientists (Morens, Daszak, Kessler and Rich Roberts in cc) (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf, p.147):
  But not all of my colleagues on the Lancet correspondence from July 5th feel we should reply to every reactive response we may get. If we do go ahead,my draft makes it clear this is not a productive way to advance the science and learn more. I'm sorry we all have to deal with the diverse agendas of our scientific colleagues that ignore the cogent high quality data in favor of their own pet peeves.



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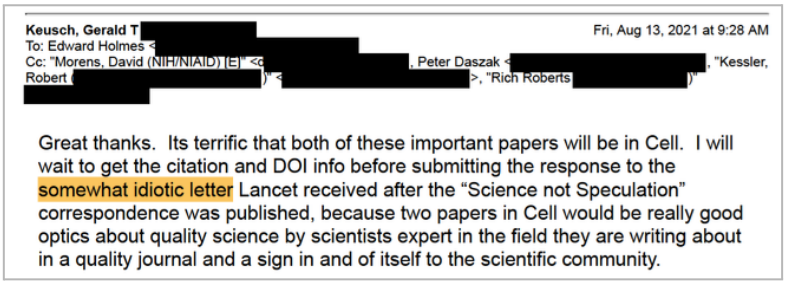
Jerry

From: Edward Holmes [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [redacted]
Cc: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; Peter Daszak [redacted]; Kessler, Robert [redacted]; Rich Roberts [redacted]

- And in a separate email to Holmes (Morens, Daszak, Kessler and Rich Roberts in cc) the same day, he described van Helden *et al* as 'somewhat idiotic' (2024 04 25 SSCP Production 02.pdf, p.142):
  I will wait to get the citation and DOI info before submitting the response to the somewhat idiotic letter Lancet received after the "Science not Speculation" correspondence was published, because two papers in Cell would be really good optics about quality science by scientists expert in the field they are writing about in a quality journal and a sign in and of itself to the scientific community.



Keusch, Gerald T [redacted] Fri, Aug 13, 2021 at 9:28 AM
To: Edward Holmes <[redacted]>
Cc: "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <[redacted]>, Peter Daszak <[redacted]>, "Kessler, Robert [redacted]", "Rich Roberts [redacted]"

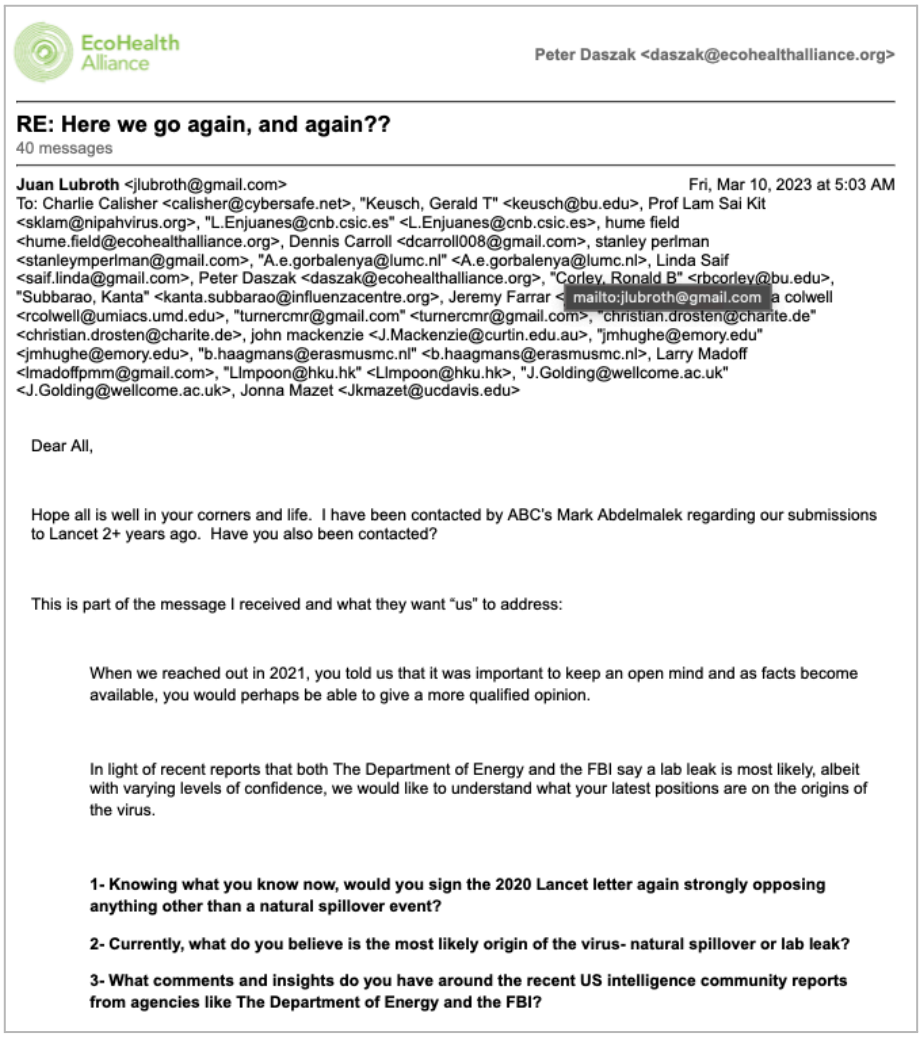
Great thanks. Its terrific that both of these important papers will be in Cell. I will wait to get the citation and DOI info before submitting the response to the somewhat idiotic letter Lancet received after the "Science not Speculation" correspondence was published, because two papers in Cell would be really good optics about quality science by scientists expert in the field they are writing about in a quality journal and a sign in and of itself to the scientific community.

2.3. 'Here we go again': Abdelmalek strikes again in 2023

- Best source: 16 008 Drosten.pdf.
- In February 2023, sources disclosed that the Department of Energy had assessed that the Covid-19 pandemic most likely came from a laboratory leak in China, according to a newly updated classified intelligence report.
- Immediately after that announcement, Mark Abdelmalek of the ABC News Investigative Unit was at it again, in March 2023, two years after his first try, asking questions to the writer of Calisher *et al*. 2020, 2021 and Keusch *et al. 2021)*. (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.1)
  1- Knowing what you know now, would you sign the 2020 Lancet letter again strongly opposing anything other than a natural spillover event?

  2- Currently, what do you believe is the most likely origin of the virus- natural spillover or lab leak?

  3- What comments and insights do you have around the recent US intelligence community reports from agencies like the Department of Energy and the FBI?



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Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>

RE: Here we go again, and again??

40 messages

Juan Lubroth <jlubroth@gmail.com> Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 5:03 AM
To: Charlie Calisher <calisher@cybersafe.net>, "Keusch, Gerald T" <keusch@bu.edu>, Prof Lam Sai Kit <sklam@nipahvirus.org>, "L.Enjuanes@cnb.csic.es" <L.Enjuanes@cnb.csic.es>, hume field <hume.field@ecohealthalliance.org>, Dennis Carroll <dcarroll008@gmail.com>, stanley perlman <stanleymperlman@gmail.com>, "A.e.gorbalenya@lumc.nl" <A.e.gorbalenya@lumc.nl>, Linda Saif <saif.linda@gmail.com>, Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>, "Corley, Ronald B" <rbcorley@bu.edu>, "Subbarao, Kanta" <kanta.subbarao@influenzacentre.org>, Jeremy Farrar <mailto:jlubroth@gmail.com a colwell <rcolwell@umiacs.umd.edu>, "turnercmr@gmail.com" <turnercmr@gmail.com>, "christian.drosten@charite.de" <christian.drosten@charite.de>, john mackenzie <J.Mackenzie@curtin.edu.au>, "jmhughe@emory.edu" <jmhughe@emory.edu>, "b.haagmans@erasmusmc.nl" <b.haagmans@erasmusmc.nl>, Larry Madoff <lmadoffpmm@gmail.com>, "LImpoon@hku.hk" <LImpoon@hku.hk>, "J.Golding@wellcome.ac.uk" <J.Golding@wellcome.ac.uk>, Jonna Mazet <Jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>

Dear All,

Hope all is well in your corners and life. I have been contacted by ABC's Mark Abdelmalek regarding our submissions to Lancet 2+ years ago. Have you also been contacted?

This is part of the message I received and what they want "us" to address:

> When we reached out in 2021, you told us that it was important to keep an open mind and as facts become available, you would perhaps be able to give a more qualified opinion.
>
> In light of recent reports that both The Department of Energy and the FBI say a lab leak is most likely, albeit with varying levels of confidence, we would like to understand what your latest positions are on the origins of the virus.
>
> **1- Knowing what you know now, would you sign the 2020 Lancet letter again strongly opposing anything other than a natural spillover event?**
>
> **2- Currently, what do you believe is the most likely origin of the virus- natural spillover or lab leak?**
>
> **3- What comments and insights do you have around the recent US intelligence community reports from agencies like The Department of Energy and the FBI?**

- This is followed by a general discussion on how to respond.
  - Dennis Carroll went for a tone-deaf answer that totally ignored the accumulating evidence, such as DEFUSE and the FOIA (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.5).
    I was also contacted and replied that after 3 plus years and no new data we need to stop debating the past and to pay more attention to investing in the capacities to prevent any future pandemic.
  - Keusch tried to keep pushing the pretend high quality peer-reviewed scientific articles that support the zoonotic pathway (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.6).
    Hi Juan, I think the first question is gratuitous and I wouldn't answer it. I didn't. But I have replied to the inquiry about the value of a low confidence opinion of the US Department of

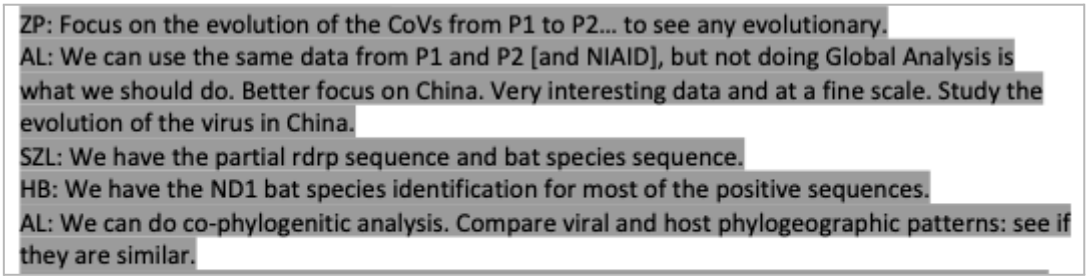
Energy, for which no data are provided. I have said this is in effect no opinion worthy of a second of discussion, and there is a high amount of careful science published in high quality peer-reviewed scientific journals that supports but does prove the zoonotic pathway. I think the scientific community must say this to the press and hope the message is out into the public space. Jerry

- Drosten also replied (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.13):
  Sorry….I still consider telling him about the lack of a reply to WHO, but I am unsure whether that really contributes anything or how that would end up in the reporting.
- Hume Field replied to Christian (and others) with some rather complotist comments (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.13):
  My feeling is that they would use it as more 'grist to the mill' Christian. It's pretty evident that most media/commentators/authors are only interested in propogating the story for the story's sake. Any resolution of the question is counter to their interests.Which is why they ignore/negatively spin the science supporting a natural origin. Plus the lab leak theory is fundamentally attractive to a significant population cohort, coz it argues that the (emerging zoonoses) problem isn't theirs/ours/anthropogenic, so we don't need to change what we're doing.I'm at a loss as to how we best deal with the situation. To say nothing potentially allows the misinformation to prevail; to respond fuels the media fire.
- Daszak explained that he does not consider Abdelmalek's questions as sincere, and that anyway the DoE assessment does not change anything for him. He concluded by mentioning the whitewashing report published in PNAS by the pretend Independent Taskforce on COVID origins (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.14)
  Just reading this email chain. He's also written to all authors of our October 2022 PNAS report from the Independent (formerly Lancet Commission) Taskforce on COVID origins etc. with similar questions, including if we stand by the conclusions. These are not, of course, genuine questions of journalistic inquiry and I won't be responding to them. That said, I agree with many of you that the recent US DoE assessment is based on information we cannot see, and that gave them only 'low confidence' in their conclusions. It doesn't change anything for me.
- In the end, Keusch answered for the group, saying that he would be happy to comment on the record only if he could effectively also push his whitewashing report, while insisting on the sanctity of peer review: (16 008 Drosten.pdf, p.38)
  I have told Mark Abdelmalek from ABC News that I would be willing to comment on the record about the likely origin of COVID-19 under the condition that we talked about the evidence the Independent Task Force on SARS-CoV-2 Origins(the original Lancet Commission Task Force on Origins plus two additional members) published in PNAS and not the gratuitous question whether I would still sign the Lancet letter from February 2020.

- CONTEXT:
  - Sachs first demoted Daszak from the Lancet Commission on COVID origins, because of his conflicts of interest. He removed him from the origin investigation part, and appointed Keusch instead.
  - When Sachs realised that Keusch was just Daszak's best pal and of the same vintage, he dissolved the whole team, because of the ubiquitous conflicts of interest of its members.
  - The dissolved team refused to hand over their notes to Sachs, and went and produced their own whitewashing report, after renaming themselves the Independent Task Force.

3. Latinne *et al.*: Conception and Publication

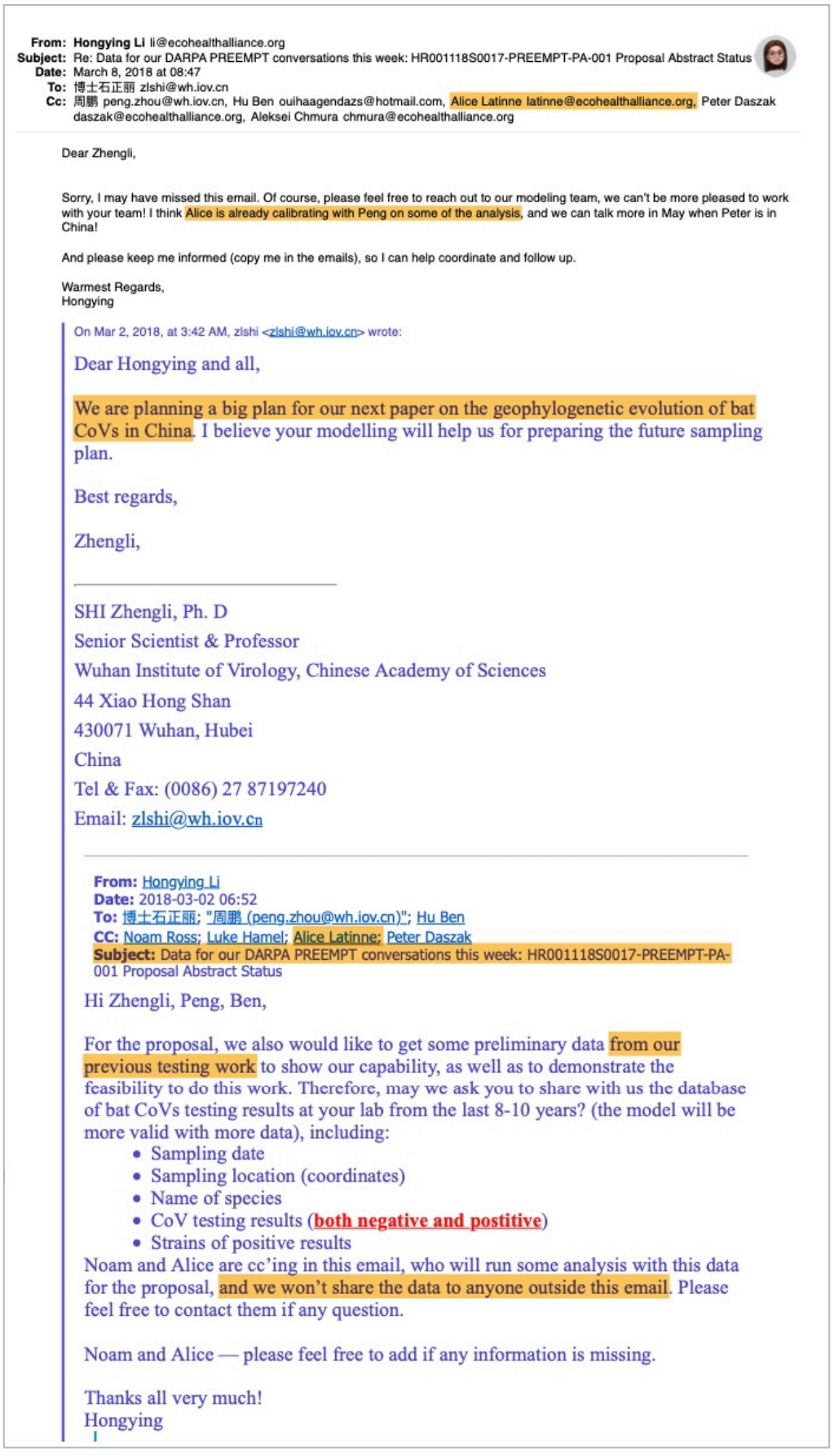
- As part of the preparation of the DARPA DEFUSE proposal, on 8 March 2018, Li Hongying asked Shi Zhengli for the database of preliminary sequencing results for the bat CoVs testing done by EHA with the WIV ('preliminary data from our previous testing work to show our capability'), adding that 'we won't share the data' (37 EHA AND UNC original.pdf, p.66).
    - The demand refers to sequences from BatCoV samples collected with the help of US funds (with either Metabiota or later EHA as partner), and to sequences from BatCoV samples (possibly not collected under Metabiota/EHA) that were processed at the WIV with the help of US funds (PREDICT or NIH).
    - It does NOT refer to samples not related to cooperation work (sampling or testing) between the WIV and EHA/Metabiota.
    - It refers specifically to BatCoV samples, so not to other animals.
    - The email also shows that EHA had no direct access to the WIV BatCoV database, but had to ask the WIV to send some data, data that EHA could not further share with an external party without seeking authorization.
    - **Context:** The necessity to ask for authorisation before publishing/sharing is standard under PREDICT conditions, as intellectual rights remain with China, but the absence of direct access to US funded data was flagged as problematic in an audit of PREDICT-2.
- Alice Latinne was included in that email on 8 March 2018. Shi Zhengli quickly answered that the proposed DEFUSE BatCoV preliminary analysis was in line anyway with her own planned paper on the geophylogenetic evolution of BaTCoVs in China.
    - As a result, Alice Latinne and Peng started specifying a plan of work that would deliver both the DARPA DEFUSE preliminary analysis and the WIV paper that Zhengli had in mind. That work became Latinne *et al.*
- The partial sequencing constraints (RdRp) of Latinne et al. are well explained in some earlier notes of an April 2016 meeting at the WIV between Alice Latinne and Shi Zhengli's team (NIAID CoV Partner Meetings All Documents.pdf (p. 9-11, https://drive.proton.me/urls/E5WC62NN10#oPailjOOh5lO [keep link]).
    - The April 2016 meeting with Alice Latinne may actually be the first time Zhengli mentioned the possible objective of a phylogenetic study of China BatCoVs based on PREDICT and NIAID cooperation work.


ZP: Focus on the evolution of the CoVs from P1 to P2… to see any evolutionary.
AL: We can use the same data from P1 and P2 [and NIAID], but not doing Global Analysis is what we should do. Better focus on China. Very interesting data and at a fine scale. Study the evolution of the virus in China.
SZL: We have the partial rdrp sequence and bat species sequence.
HB: We have the ND1 bat species identification for most of the positive sequences.
AL: We can do co-phylogenitic analysis. Compare viral and host phylogeographic patterns: see if they are similar.

- The PREDICT-2 RdRp (partial) sequences that eventually went into Latinne *et al.* are given in an EHA Excel file: China P2.xlsx (https://drive.proton.me/urls/SP9SDHZ1R0#2RqDlkYSxiG0 [keep link]) in the 'Extra item 02' folder .
    - This is supposed to be the 'full WIV database of BatCoVs' that Daszak would keep talking about as being a spreadsheet, once the pandemic started.
    - In fact, it's the spreadsheet of only the RdRp sections of only the PREDICT-2 sequences, of only bats, from only China: a part of a part of a part of a part of the main WIV database.
    - It has absolutely nothing to do with the main sequence database of the WIV that has been unavailable externally since 12 September 2019, with its 600 GB of data, or 5 TB when

including the macro genome data (https://bit.ly/DeletedDBsSlides [keep link]). (Please shoot anybody who would try to put this much data in a spreadsheet.)

- Peter effectively kept trying to pass a small section of the WIV database as the real thing, while also being careful not to mention the relation between Latinne *et al.*, Zhengli and DEFUSE.



From: Hongying Li li@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: Re: Data for our DARPA PREEMPT conversations this week: HR001118S0017-PREEMPT-PA-001 Proposal Abstract Status
Date: March 8, 2018 at 08:47
To: 博士石正丽 zlshi@wh.iov.cn
Cc: 周鹏 peng.zhou@wh.iov.cn, Hu Ben ouihaagendazs@hotmail.com, Alice Latinne latinne@ecohealthalliance.org, Peter Daszak daszak@ecohealthalliance.org, Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Dear Zhengli,

Sorry, I may have missed this email. Of course, please feel free to reach out to our modeling team, we can't be more pleased to work with your team! I think Alice is already calibrating with Peng on some of the analysis, and we can talk more in May when Peter is in China!

And please keep me informed (copy me in the emails), so I can help coordinate and follow up.

Warmest Regards,
Hongying

On Mar 2, 2018, at 3:42 AM, zlshi <zlshi@wh.iov.cn> wrote:

Dear Hongying and all,

We are planning a big plan for our next paper on the geophylogenetic evolution of bat CoVs in China. I believe your modelling will help us for preparing the future sampling plan.

Best regards,

Zhengli,

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From: Hongying Li
Date: 2018-03-02 06:52
To: 博士石正丽; "周鹏 (peng.zhou@wh.iov.cn)"; Hu Ben
CC: Noam Ross; Luke Hamel; Alice Latinne; Peter Daszak
Subject: Data for our DARPA PREEMPT conversations this week: HR001118S0017-PREEMPT-PA-001 Proposal Abstract Status

Hi Zhengli, Peng, Ben,

For the proposal, we also would like to get some preliminary data from our previous testing work to show our capability, as well as to demonstrate the feasibility to do this work. Therefore, may we ask you to share with us the database of bat CoVs testing results at your lab from the last 8-10 years? (the model will be more valid with more data), including:

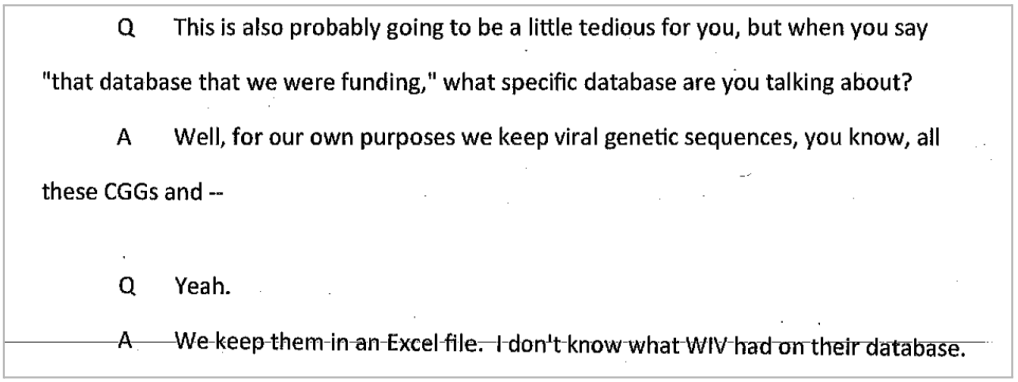
- Sampling date
- Sampling location (coordinates)
- Name of species
- CoV testing results (**both negative and postitive**)
- Strains of positive results

Noam and Alice are cc'ing in this email, who will run some analysis with this data for the proposal, and we won't share the data to anyone outside this email. Please feel free to contact them if any question.

Noam and Alice — please feel free to add if any information is missing.

Thanks all very much!
Hongying

- For context:
    - In a Chatham House conference, Daszak justified not asking for access to the WIV database when he visited it as part of the WHO mission of Feb 2021, by explaining that he already knew what was in it. On the same occasion, Daszak again referred to the database as an Excel spreadsheet. (See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMllEF58944&t=3272s.)
    - In his congressional transcript (p. 163-164), Daszak acknowledged that the Excel spreadsheet was just his own record of the sequences that had been funded via PREDICT / NIH and that the WIV would send him by email. He also acknowledged that EHA never had access to the WIV database, and that the WIV database would also contain sequences funded from other sources (such as Chinese grants).



Q This is also probably going to be a little tedious for you, but when you say "that database that we were funding," what specific database are you talking about?

A Well, for our own purposes we keep viral genetic sequences, you know, all these CGGs and --

Q Yeah.

A We keep them in an Excel file. I don't know what WIV had on their database.

- See DARPA Emails.pdf, p.1466 for acceptance of Latinne *et al.* in Nat. Comms, p.1513 for talking points.
- According to a 28 May 2020 email from Daszak to FBI Bryan Rawson (FBI Daszak.pdf, p.39-40):
    - On 1st April 2020, in one WeChat message, Zhengli asked Daszak to play down bat origin in Latinne *et al.*, and having to validate first before releasing any data with him. He pushed back against it and targeted publication 15th April.
    - Shortly before the target publication of 15th April, Daszak and Zhengli had a call where 'she broke down'. Daszak agreed to delay the publication to 14 Jul.
      From FBI_LatinnePreprint.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/360KQX2GXG#Nn2MW6um3Mmw [keep link]):

From: **Peter Daszak** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: Couple of things I was supposed to send you.
Date: 29 May 2020 at 10:22 am
To: Rawson, Bryan R. (NY) (FBI) brrawson@fbi.gov
Cc: Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Bryan – great to meet you in person today and thanks for being out there looking after us! There were a few things we talked about that I told you and your colleague I'd follow up on. Can't remember all of them, but here are a couple

First, I've attached the paper that's coming out next week. We're uploading it onto bioRxiv this weekend. It's in press at Nature Communications, but by uploading it we'll make it publicly available. I've also attached some 'talking points' that we're giving to reporters so they can get the key messages – might be a less boring read than the actual paper. In the paper itself, page 12 and fig 3b are of most interest re. origin of COVID-19. In Fig. 3b, RaTG13 is the small purple circle next to SARS-CoV-2. The pink circle nearby the new virus RmYN02 that has the Furin cleavage insertion. The pangolin viruses are bright green

Here are some of the other questions I didn't answer, that I remember

- The organization that contacted Wuhan Institute of Virology director was "Committee of Concerned Scientists" (sounds like a left wing group). The person was Eugene Chudnovsky and he was asking whether "the statement made the by the US Secretary of State that China denied US researchers visits to your lab was accurate." They believed NIH canceled the grant because of that and wanted to see if it was true or political cover. There's been a lot of this going on from the Left, trying to show that the cancelation of my NIH grant was political, and from the Right, trying to show that we're a bunch of Lefties who believe China's OK, and from the conspiracy theorists trying to show that we began the pandemic. Trying to avoid all of this and just keep doing our work at this time…
- The name of the person on the National Academy of Medicine-Chinese Academy of Sciences 'dialog' calls who I thought was the Director of Wuhan Institute of Virology was
- I looked through my Wechat with Zhengli. She told me in a discussion in April 1st when I was pushing to publish the paper rapidly that "we need to tune down the importance of bat origin of COVID-19". She also said then that we need permission to publish any information related to COVID-19. I pushed back aggressively, we initially agreed to publish on April 15th, but after a call with her a few days before where she broke down we agreed to delay it for 2 months (til June 15th). She got back to me on May 4th to ask for the final version so she can get approval, and was rapidly approved. This coincided with the NAM-CAS dialog.

One Question for you – can you forward me the assessment from your cyber people about my vulnerability and how to protect my network here and at our offices. We'll get to work on that.

Look forward to catching up again soon and please let me know if you find out anything negative about the internet trolls. Likewise we'll get in touch rapidly if there is an escalation or a genuine threat.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me with any other questions including any from your colleague and his friends.

Cheers,

Peter

- [from an old FOI at https://pbs.twimg.com/media/FIwu9wRVkAAtRBi?format=jpg&name=large]
  On 28 Apr 2020, Peter asked for some PREDICT sequences not to be released:
  Having them as part of PREDICT will bring very unwelcome attention to US Davis, PREDICT and USAID.
  - This was in response to a concern relayed by Hongying Li the same day:
    2) due to the COVID-19, any relevant data publication needs to be reviewed and approved by the institution in China, we have started the process, but the timeline is unpredictable at this moment.

From: Peter Daszak
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:30 AM
To: 'Hongying Li' <li@ecohealthalliance.org>; Tammie O'Rourke <torourke@metabiota.com>
Cc: Goldstein, Tracey <tgoldstein@ucdavis.edu>; Aleksei Chmura <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>; Christine Kreuder Johnson <ckjohnson@ucdavis.edu>
Subject: RE: China Genbank Sequences
Importance: High

All – It's extremely important that we don't have these sequences as part of our PREDICT release to Genbank at this point.

As you may have heard, these were part of a grant just terminated by NIH.

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/27/trump-cuts-research-bat-human-virus-china-213076

Having them as part of PREDICT will being very unwelcome attention to UC Davis, PREDICT and USAID.

Cheers,

Peter

- This matches perfectly the concerns expressed by Zhengli. To be clear, no PREDICT data can be published without the agreement of the country; this is indeed part of the PREDICT rules.
- In his sworn statement to the US House of Representatives, Peter did not mention at all that Zhengli had asked him not to publish these sequences. **In an act of perjury**, Peter instead attributed his concerns to:
  .. an effort to correctly attribute the sequences to the right grant, number one; and, number two, to mention the fact that funding had been terminated as a good rationale for UC Davis to reconsider their desire to be the -- to be the folks that put those sequences up on the web.
  (Daszak-TI-Transcript.pdf, p.233,
  https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HAUXLDOgHh9e2xXWQUIQcWWSGHIgQ9cF/view?usp=sharing [keep link])

In fact, only 4 days prior to that email, I couldn't believe that UC Davis wanted to put these up in the USA database as part of the PREDICT project. Then, surely, politicians who were concerned about the Wuhan link would then look at this and say, hey, that one's going to be cut too, and it would bring -- that's why I raised that.

Q So it was an effort to sort of cordon off PREDICT from the controversy surrounding the NIH grant?

A It was an effort to correctly attribute the sequences to the right grant, number one; and, number two, to mention the fact that funding had been terminated as a good rationale for UC Davis to reconsider their desire to be the -- to be the folks that put those sequences up on the web.

- Eventually, Zhengli came back to Daszak on 4 May to check the final version so that she could get approval for publication from Chinese authorities (as per State Council order of 3rd March 2020).
- The paper was then first posted as a preprint on BioRXiv on 31 May 2020 (https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.05.31.116061v1).

4. Latinne *et al.*: Attempted addendum then retraction & replacement

4.1. The unexpected Lao samples

- Latinne *et al.* 'Origin and cross-species transmission of bat coronaviruses in China'. An EHA publication with the WIV.
    - Originally published 25 Aug 2020
    - New version received 10 Aug 2024
    - Retraction/New pub. 19 Dec 2024.
    - I succinctly covered this in a thread (https://typefully.com/t/TxyclW8).
- Latinne *et al.* had a major issue as it inadvertently included 41 sequences from Laos, when the paper was supposed to include only Chinese samples. The corresponding samples were collected just across the border from Yunnan by a Yunnan CDC team and sent to the WIV, under PREDICT-1.

Discussion

Our phylogenetic analysis shows a high diversity of CoVs from bats sampled in China, with most bat genera included in this study (10/16) infected by both α- and β-CoVs. In our phylogenetic analysis that includes all known bat-CoVs from China, we found that SARS-CoV-2 is likely derived from a clade of viruses originating in horseshoe bats (*Rhinolophus* spp.). The geographic location of this origin appears to be Yunnan province. However, it is important to note that: (1) **our study collected and analyzed samples solely from China; (2) many sampling sites were close to the borders of Myanmar and Lao PDR; and (3) most of the bats sampled in Yunnan also occur in these countries**, including *R. affinis* and *R. malayanus*, the species harboring the CoVs with highest *RdRp* sequence identity to SARS-CoV-2[20,21]. For these reasons, we cannot rule out an origin for the clade of viruses that are progenitors of SARS-CoV-2 that is outside China, and within Myanmar, Lao PDR, Vietnam, or another Southeast Asian country. Additionally, our analysis shows that the virus RmYN02 from *R. malayanus*, which is characterized by

- That not only shows bad sampling management, but—to make matters worse—the sampling in Laos was done with zero respect for country rules, by the Yunnan then under Metabiota management and WIV partial supervision.
- The whole thing goes totally against PREDICT regulations, which specifically require:
    - To make sure that authorisations are sought from the relevant country authorities before collection of samples there.
    - To make sure that an IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) is in place for collection. If a local one applies, it should be used. Otherwise, a US IACUC should be used as model (a Tufts University IACUC could have been used here).

Data collection

Field samples were collected by experienced wildlife zoologists using standard procedures approved by Tufts University IACUC committee (proposal #G2017-32) and Wuhan Institute of Virology Chinese Academy of Sciences IACUC committee (proposal WIVA05201705). Bats were captured using mist nets at their roost site or feeding areas. Each captured bat was stored into a cotton bag, all sampling was non-lethal and bats were released at the site of capture immediately after sample collection. Oral and fecal swabs were collected. RNA was extracted and tested for the presence of coronaviruses as described in the Methods.

    - To make sure that authorisations are sought from the relevant country authorities before publishing the sequences. The country indeed always keeps a right on their disclosure; it's a fundamental principle of PREDICT.
- That sampling/poaching was done as a day trip, 20 km or so across the border, via a main border crossing between China (Yunnan) and Laos. No authorisation asked. Easy and tempting to do during sampling in China close to that Laos border.
    - See 'Key South East Asia Grants — Part 3: High-stakes sampling in Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam' for other examples of intended (at the very least) sampling directly by WIV teams across in Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam. It was a natural playground.

(https://gillesdemaneuf.medium.com/key-south-east-asia-grants-part-3-high-stakes-sampling-in-myanmar-laos-and-vietnam-8c471221126b)

- Somehow, the Yunnan team that sent its samples to the WIV forgot that some had come from a short trip across the border, and EHA had no clue.
- From 2012 on, EHA had developed key links with the WIV, but it is only in 2017 (around May) that EHA replaced Metabiota formally as the country manager in China (It also took over a few countries as Metabiota had its wings clipped in Q2 2017 for bad biosafety training, bad local image, in Sierra Leone, Guinea, etc)

- Initially, in Mar 2022, a logical author's Addendum, was being considered to try to deal with the problem. That addendum was submitted to Nature Communications around 6 Mar 2022 (see calendar and thread):

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from: Tue 01 Mar 2022 19:00 **to:** Fri 04 Mar 2022 19:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Draft Nat. Comms. Addendum
Description:

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from: Sun 06 Mar 2022 19:00 **to:** Tue 08 Mar 2022 19:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Submit Nat. Comms. Addendum
Description:

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from: Sat 26 Mar 2022 13:00 **to:** Sat 26 Mar 2022 19:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: next week: SADS paper, Nat Comms addendum, Paula's forest fragment paper; Nat Comms revision
Description:

- Followed on 12 May 2022 by a call with Sonja Schmid (Editor at Nat. Comms where Latinne *et al* was published).
  - Daszak's notes in preparation shows concerns about the lack of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).
  - They also show concerns with the fact that the WIV did not need—and thus did not seek—import permits to take these samples from Laos to China, as (supposedly) per the WIV rules, but in clear contradiction of PREDICT rules.

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from: Thu 12 May 2022 11:00 to: Thu 12 May 2022 11:45
location:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/92281130147?pwd=b2pseTJNM1hPUUNteWNneGRQamZDQT09
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: sonja.schmid@us.nature.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: Peter Daszak/Sonja Schmid
Description:
Peter Daszak is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Peter Daszak / Sonia Schmid
Time: May 12, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/92281130147?pwd=b2pseTJNM1hPUUNteWNneGRQamZDQT09

Meeting ID: 922 8113 0147
Passcode: 693421
One tap mobile
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from: Thu 12 May 2022 11:00 to: Thu 12 May 2022 11:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes
Description:

- No IACUC committee in Laos
- When the samples were collected there was no requirement for research permits to collect a small number of fecal pellets from the floor of a cave
- No import permits required for WIV staff in China (cf. CDC in USA)

Reason for the typos: a few duplications in the Genbank sequences as in the published version because sequences were uploaded with different IDs; reran the analysis without these duplications, the results are the same. (Alice will describe these in detail)

Permission in Lao PDR:

- Fecal samples were collected from Lao PDR in Luang Namtha province adjacent to Yunnan Province, China 15Km from the border in Nov 2014. (Alice will include the sample collection locations on updated maps to show the close distance, a few kilometers away from China)

  https://www.google.com/maps/place/Luang+Namtha+Province,+Laos/@21.0466392,101.6539609,8.4z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x312a2fce74936097:0x939acd3e8c0c4f4d!8m2!3d20.9170187!4d101.1617356
- It was a non-invasive sample collection, without animals being captured, no IACUC is needed. There is no IACUC committee existing in Lao PDR, as stated by our collaborators at the Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Lao PDR, in May 2022.
- Verbal approval was obtained from local community leaders to collect the samples.
- There was no published regulation or policy to manage and approve animal fecal sample collection and transportation in Lao PDR in 2014.
- China and Lao PDR have established the “Memorandum of Understanding on Health Cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Health of the Lao People's Democratic Republic” since 2006, for cooperation, including infectious disease prevention and control, training, etc.
- Yunnan, as the only province in the country that borders Laos, since 2014, with the support of the China-ASEAN Health Cooperation Mechanism and the National Health and Family Planning Commission, Yunnan and the five northern provinces of Laos (including Luang Namtha provinces) established China-Laos cross-border medical and health service cooperation.
  http://www.sky.yn.gov.cn/xsyj/zgsd/026954629712164639 61

- On 16 Apr 2023, so nearly a year later, Daszak mentions 'corrections to Nat Comms to reporters', which basically means that he was thinking of how to explain the addendum/correction to reporters.

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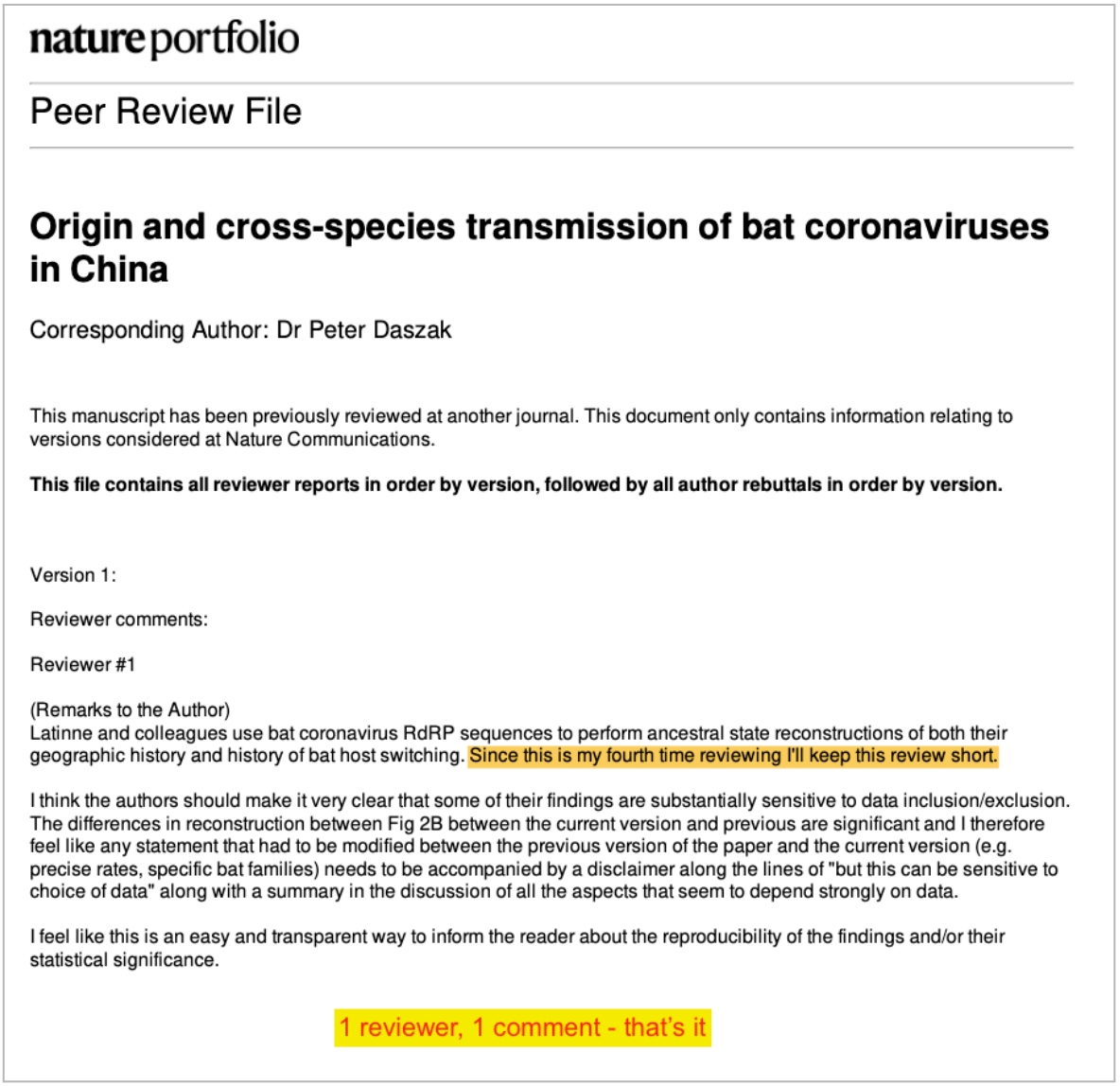
from: Sun 16 Apr 2023 06:00 **to:** Sun 16 Apr 2023 07:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Report this week, darpa to reporters, lancet to reporters, corrections to Nat Comms to reporters
Description:

4.2. The unusual Retraction / Republication

- What eventually happened instead is a strange simultaneous Retraction / Republication, with only one peer-reviewer, giving only one comment. The peer-reviewer mentioned that it was actually his 4th round of peer-review, but since we only got that one last comment, it means that the three previous rounds went into the attempted correction.
- The net result is that, far from offering transparency, the peer review of the Republication actually hides these 3 rounds of peer-review of the attempted Addendum/Correction, as they got extinguished with the Retraction and never got published.



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Peer Review File

Origin and cross-species transmission of bat coronaviruses in China

Corresponding Author: Dr Peter Daszak

This manuscript has been previously reviewed at another journal. This document only contains information relating to versions considered at Nature Communications.

This file contains all reviewer reports in order by version, followed by all author rebuttals in order by version.

Version 1:

Reviewer comments:

Reviewer #1

(Remarks to the Author)
Latinne and colleagues use bat coronavirus RdRP sequences to perform ancestral state reconstructions of both their geographic history and history of bat host switching. Since this is my fourth time reviewing I'll keep this review short.

I think the authors should make it very clear that some of their findings are substantially sensitive to data inclusion/exclusion. The differences in reconstruction between Fig 2B between the current version and previous are significant and I therefore feel like any statement that had to be modified between the previous version of the paper and the current version (e.g. precise rates, specific bat families) needs to be accompanied by a disclaimer along the lines of "but this can be sensitive to choice of data" along with a summary in the discussion of all the aspects that seem to depend strongly on data.

I feel like this is an easy and transparent way to inform the reader about the reproducibility of the findings and/or their statistical significance.

1 reviewer, 1 comment - that's it

- The Retraction / Republication was a legerdemain, meant to hide embarrassing discussions.
- Daszak was also considering liaising with his usual journalist contacts (all being offered on EHA paid trips abroad) to discuss the revisions. See Section 5.

4.3. How did this happen?

4.3.1. Transfer of samples between grants

- At the end of 2018, the priority was on testing the backlog of PREDICT-2 samples (supposed to be tested by the end of Jan 2019) before PREDICT-2 matured.
  - I have covered the PREDICT-2 winding-down in detail in a related Medium piece (https://gillesdemaneuf.medium.com/key-south-east-asia-grants-part-1-predict-2-usaid-and-the-u-s-sanctions-over-myanmar-and-laos-f73c100e2908).
  - Also see NIAID CoV Partner Meetings All Documents.pdf, p.27 (P2Y5 covered Oct 2018 to September 2019)

May 3, 2018, Thursday Afternoon, Hilton Beijing

Meeting with Drs. Peter Daszak, Zhengli Shi, Alice Latinne, and Peng Zhou

- Zhengli to give a brief update on the work at WIV (presentation)
- The last year of P2 will focus on testing, and all test results need to be in EIDITH by ?
- What research questions we can explore using current data? EHA team offering countries for modeling & analytics assistance based on P2 data
- Alice is working on SARS-CoVs database and HKU-2/9? with Peng
- Testing NIAID human samples for the original SARS-CoV
- Next 5-year plan
  - NIAID proposal ideas, due on November 5th, 2018 (e.g. SADS-CoV, human surveillance)
  - Collaborations within SE Asian countries (e.g. Thailand)
  - Other funding opportunities to co-apply (e.g. NSF-NSFC)

- Some PREDICT-2 samples had been collected by the Yunnan CDC (Yinshi) with the support of the WIV as main partner, going back to 2014. They were stored with Ge Xingyi, the WIV co-investigator, in charge of the sample analysis under the R01 grant 'China Bat Coronaviruses'.
- Some of these samples collected were still untested in early Jan 2019. To make things worse, the contractual relation of EHA with that Ge Xingyi would soon lapse after the end of that R01 grant (31 May 2019).
- So in early Jan 2019, Daszak decided to deal directly with Shi Zhengli under the PREDICT-2 grant (maturing Sep 2019), so that she could manage the analysis of these samples that were previously meant to be analysed by XingYi Ge under the NIH grant sub-award agreement.

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from: Wed 05 Dec 2018 12:00 **to:** Wed 05 Dec 2018 13:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: Hongying & Aleksei re. China P2, NIAID, EEID, and DARPA
Description:

- GVP Beijing Meeting timeline and details
- Zhengli to help with Yunzhi and samples from Yunnan
- Pangolins (update)
- GuangJian & Ta Fnd
- LHY's PhD travel & visa to UK
- Papers - plan & Green Card
- Netflix?
- IMCAS - what to do for Y5 (160k and no samples) or pay Guangjian to get samples? sample from...? and politics with USAID?

- Samples - sent where? Duplicates: one to IPB and one to WIV
- Bat Book - can we use it with Hummingbird IRB and NOT UDC to do a trial in Yunnan? (Previously, you said 'yes', so re-confirming.)
- One Health China (a) talk with George (b) set up?

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from: Tue 08 Jan 2019 13:30 **to:** Tue 08 Jan 2019 14:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: text zhengli
Description:
Hi Zhengli— Hongying has told you about Yunzhi and the samples, it's disappointing for both us, but we have to get the samples tested in time for PREDICT.

All samples are now in Ge Xingyi's lab, but we won't get the approval to work with him at the end of the project, so now we want to ask you to help.Instead of contracting him, we want to give funds to WIV so you can have the control, and communicate with Ge to get the samples tested. Does this work for you?

- The plan was quickly executed.
    - On 15 Jan 2019, a Y5 complement is grafted as a modification of year 4 contract (EHA PREDICT2 Sub-award to WIV (Shi Zhengli / Ben Hu), with an increase from $122,230 to $500,279, to help process EHA NIH grant 'China Bat Coronaviruses' samples that were with Dr. Xingyi Ge.
    - Analysis of the remaining samples (2,904 at least) was supposed to be done before 30 March 2019 (so within 2.5 months).
- In an August 2019 email, we find mention of the fact that all these Yunnan samples had been transferred and tested. See USRTK_UCDavis_202506_p4-ocr.pdf:

From: Tracey Goldstein <tgoldstein@ucdavis.edu>
To: Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>
CC: Corina Grigorescu Monagin <cgmonagin@ucdavis.edu>;David Wolking <djwolking@ucdavis.edu>
Sent: 8/20/2019 2:20:56 PM
Subject: Re: PREDICT Sample Disposition Summary as of Aug 20 2019

Hi Jonna,

Here is an updated summary for your review. Thanks to Corina for all her work and herding cats on this!!

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The ability of collaborating PREDICT laboratories to securely and appropriately store PREDICT samples beyond 30 September 2019 has been assessed. To date 37 laboratories in 24 countries have solid plans to securely store and appropriately maintain samples. Six laboratories from 6 countries have plans to transfer samples to appropriate secure laboratories before 30 September 2019. Further clarification and work to securely store and appropriately maintain samples beyond 30 September 2019 or to transfer samples to appropriate secure laboratories before 30 September 2019 is in process for 3 laboratories in 3 countries, and we will keep you apprised of that process through regular updates.

A summary is provided below by laboratory grouping and indicating sample numbers stored in each laboratory by taxa group.

I. Laboratories securely and appropriately storing samples beyond 30 September 2019

Bangladesh:
IEDCR: Total samples = 50,867, Human = 10,293, Wildlife = 37,908, Domestic/Livestock = 2,666

Cambodia
IPC: Total samples = 52,647, Human = 14,543, Wildlife = 22,131, Domestic/Livestock = 15,973

China
Wuhan Institute of Virology: Total samples = 11,051, Human = 3,000, Wildlife = 8,051
Institute of Microbiology, CAS: Total samples = 1,202, all wildlife
GDCDC: Total samples = 1,266, all human
Yunnan Institute: All samples moved and tested at Wuhan Institute of Virology

Indonesia
Eijkman Institute: Total samples = 4,718, all human
Institute Pertanian Bogor - IPB: Total samples = 19,468, all wildlife

- Effectively, this was a transfer of sampling tasks from an already funded Ge Xingyi at the WIV, under Y5 of R01 grant 'China Bat Coronaviruses', to a new Y5 task slotted (and likely funded) under a modification of Y4 sub-award contract of PREDICT2, on top of the existing Y5 PREDICT 2 contract (to September 2019).
- Note that this was NOT done as a modification of the PREDICT Y5 sub-award contract (which was then current). The idea was to draw money from year 4 allocations to help avoid TVPA (Trafficking Victims Protection Act) restrictions under year 5. Using an amendment to the year 4 contract made it more defensible that year 4 money was used for year 5.
- See this spreadsheet (from a USRTK FOI for the reallocation from year 4 to year 5, for part of the shortfall, with the rest coming from some imaginative 'creative' reallocation of 'Global/US costs on behalf of TVPA country':
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MkxGY4hfCvCYYPshNTRfwyA5YTQg9kKp/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101231049334710720563&rtpof=true&sd=true

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										*Will delete notes before sending to Andrew
2		Approved Year 5 Budget (New Y5 plus Y4 Carryover)								
3		In-country Subs	Additional In-country Staff Employed by US org	Additional in-country travel, outreach, testing, other paid directly by US org (not thru in-country sub)	Equipment/ Supplies for Sustainability paid by US Org	Global/US costs on behalf of TVPA country	Total		In-country Y5 Budget Totals	
4	China	691,893	-	-	-	734,704	1,426,597		691,893	*In-country subs includes GuangJian contract
5	Lao PDR	52,556	99,074	132,451	47,482	895,475	1,227,038		331,563	
6	Myanmar	-	81,254	63,692	-	779,117	924,063		144,946	*In-country staff includes LBVD lab tech paid directly by SI
7	RoC	39,118	-	-	35,503	657,730	732,351		74,621	
8		783,567	180,328	196,143	82,985	3,067,026	4,310,049		1,243,023	
9										
10										
11		Year 5 Budget Obligated/Spent to date (from FY17 funds)								
12		In-country Subs	In-country Staff Paid by US org	In-country travel, outreach, testing, other paid by US org	Equipment/ Supplies for Sustainability paid by US Org	Global/US costs on behalf of TVPA country	Total		In-country Y5 Obligated/ Spent Totals	
13	China	345,947				88,992	434,939		345,947	
14	Lao PDR	10,282	20,984	24,379	8,664	66,828	131,137		64,309	
15	Myanmar	-	32,502	25,477		7,830	65,808		57,978	
16	RoC	19,559			17,751.56	50,505	87,816		37,311	
17		375,788	53,486	49,856	26,415	214,155	719,699		505,544	
18										
19		Balance of Y5 Budget Pending Obligation from FY18 funds (if approved for TVPA spending)								
20		In-country Subs	In-country Staff Paid by US org	In-country travel, outreach, testing, other paid by US org	Equipment/ Supplies for Sustainability paid by US Org	Global/US costs on behalf of TVPA country	Total		In-country Y5 Pending Obligation Totals	
21	China	345,947	-	-	-	645,712	991,659		345,947	
22	Lao PDR	42,274	78,090	108,072	38,818	828,647	1,095,901		267,254	
23	Myanmar	-	48,753	38,215	-	771,287	858,255		86,968	
24	RoC	19,559	-	-	17,752	607,225	644,536		37,311	
25		407,780	126,842	146,287	56,570	2,852,871	3,590,350		737,479	

- And see these extracts from USRTK_UCDavis_PROD_0.pdf:

> On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 4:22 PM Elizabeth Leasure <ealeasure@ucdavis.edu> wrote:
>
> Hi Jonna. I've done yet another update of the PREDICT expense tracker (attached), including an additional scenario that accounts for FY18 funds being acceptable for Global and Admin management costs incurred *on behalf of* the TVPA countries to help with decision making. I've noted some key points and questions needing your input below. I'm happy to work with Brooke to arrange a call so we can discuss in more detail since things are getting pretty complicated at this point and are probably difficult to digest by email. J I'm also happy to meet you somewhere in Davis or come to SF if you think that would be easiest. Just let me know what works for you. Thanks!!!

[…]

> 3. Assuming that Global/Admin Mgt cost incurred on behalf of TVPA countries is okay on FY18 funds, we have enough FY17 funds on-hand to fully-fund the China and RoC country budgets (if that is something we want to do). SI and MB have confirmed that Myanmar and Laos are okay with the country budgets obligated to date as long as they get their full Global/Admin budgets, so no additional FY17 fund obligations are needed for those two countries to wrap up PREDICT. The $235K that is left remaining at UCD (if we fully-fund the remainder of EHA's in-country China and RoC budgets) would be all that we have left for Dx and other costs at UCD ($150K direct costs) until we get the obligation from USAID, so I'm not sure that is something we want to do. Please advise.
>
> - *My preference would be to obligate the rest of the FY17 funds that we intend to give partners for TVPA countries **before** we receive the obligation from USAID so that it is very clear that no FY18 funds were used.*

4.3.2. Non-standard history of the samples

- Unfortunately, someone at the WIV failed to notice that some of the 2014 samples from Yun-Zhi Zhang had been poached on a quick trip across the border in Laos.
- This may have been caused by:
    - The transfer of the sampling analysis task away from Xingyi Ge at the WIV (who had been involved with the sampling), to WIV laboratory resources under PREDICT-2.
    - The fact that 2014 sampling by the Yunnan CDC was done when Metabiota was the PREDICT-2 country-manager, not EHA (EHA only replaced Metabiota as country-manager in mid-2017).
- To be clear, not all P-2 samples from Yunnan were collected by Yun-Zhi Zhang, and went first through the Yunnan CDC. Samples may have been collected during trips where both the Yunnan CDC and the WIV teams were present, and then split between the two teams. Or they may have sometimes been collected without the Yunnan CDC team.
- Here is an example of the WIV sampling in Yunnan in Y3 of P2, and sending its samples back home:

10% Cost Share for PREDICT-2 Year 3 Project Expenditure

1.	Salary for Zhengli Shi [5%]	¥ 42,203.8
2.	Sampling travel Drs. Shi, Hu, and Yang to P2Y3 Field sites in Yunnan and Guangdong provinces [4%]	¥ 33,763.1
3.	Sample preservation [Dry Ice & N2] and transportation with train to/from YUN and CAN to/from WUH [1%]	¥ 8,440.7
	Total	¥ 84,407.6

Hereby certify that:

The above cost sharing details as per the agreement include 1) 5% for the salary of Dr. Zhengli Shi (Principal Investigator) for her efforts to design and supervise the project and other performance in lines with the project deliverables. In addition, Wuhan institute of virology funds will support fieldwork to visit sites in Guangdong and Yunnan provinces for Drs. Shi, Hu, and Yang [4%], and purchase dry ice and liquid nitrogen for sample storage and transportation [1%]. Above expenses are for PREDICT 2 research projects funded by neither USAID funding nor the US-federal funding.

Should you have questions, please contact me with the following information. Thank you!

Zhu, Yan
Dec. 28, 2016

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86-27-87197311

    - For info, the PREDICT 2 rules stipulate that:
      The Country Coordinator must get approval to release the results from each of the three ministries (health, agriculture, and environment/wildlife) before the virus data are released publicly on Health Map and GenBank. You can request up to 2 years for the approved data to be kept from GenBank through EIDITH." (See NIAID CoV Partner Meetings All Documents.pdf, p.19.)
      The EHA [OR PREDICT?] Country coordinator for China was Hongying (a Chinese citizen).

4.3.3. Programs involved in these events

- EHA NIH 'Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronaviruses' (5R01AI110964, 2014-2019):
    - 5Y grant: 1 June 2014 - 31 May 2019 (renewed in Jul 2019, then funding stopped in April 2020, even if a 5R01AI110964-07 was filed in 2022 or 2023 to report more findings)
    - China sub-awardee (Shi Zhengli / Ben Hu)
    - Note that sub-award agreement with the WIV is titled **'China Bat Coronaviruses'**
    - Dr. Xingyi Ge, co-investigator, was a Senior Research Technician at the WIV committed full time to that NIH grant.

- Guanjin Zhu was a co-investigator on the same grant, from the Guangdong Entomological Institute.
- Yun-Zhi Zhang was a co-investigator on the same grant, from the Yunnan Center for Disease Control.
- See '4.a Documents regarding Understanding Risk of Bat.pdf

Senior/Key Personnel:	*Organization:*	*Role Category:*
Peter Daszak	EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.	PD/PI
ZhengLi Shi	Wuhan Institute of Virology	Co-Investigator
ShuYi Zhang	East China Normal University	Co-Investigator
Changwen Ke	CDC and Prevention of Guangdong Province	Co-Investigator
Jonathan Epstein	EcoHealth Alliance	Co-Investigator
Kevin Olival	EcoHealth Alliance	Co-Investigator
Parviez Hosseini	EcoHealth Alliance	Co-Investigator
XingYi Ge	Wuhan Institute of Virology	Co-Investigator
Guanjin Zhu	Guangdong Entomological Institute	Co-Investigator
Yun-Zhi Zhang	Yunnan Center for Disease Control	Co-Investigator

- See NIH WUHAN NIH COV Y5 CONTRACT-signed.pdf (to May 2019, signed 1 July 2018)

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SUBCONTRACT OR CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

NAME:	Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
ADDRESS:	44 Xiao Hong Shan 430071 Wuhan Hubei, China
REFERENCE LOG #:	WIVNIHCOVY4
PROJECT TITLE:	CHINA BAT CORONAVIRUSES
PERIOD:	01 JUNE 2018 – 31 MAY 2019
PHONE:	11.86.1897.122.3826
E-MAIL:	zlshi@wh.iov.cn
FUNDING SOURCE:	07-049-7012-52271
DUNS NUMBER:	529027474
AGREEMENT AMOUNT:	US $66,500

This Subcontractor or Consultant Agreement (the "agreement") is by and between EcoHealth Alliance (EHA), a United States tax-exempt organization, located at 460 West 34th Street, New York, 10001, and the Wuhan Institute of Virology ("the subcontractor or consultant").

An authorized representative of EcoHealth Alliance has executed the original version of this agreement. Please sign the digital copy and return it via email. If EcoHealth Alliance does not receive a signed copy (digital or print) within thirty (30) days of mailing, this agreement may be deemed revoked. This agreement shall be effective only upon the receipt of the subcontractor or consultant's signed contract by EcoHealth Alliance.

- PREDICT-2 (2014-2019)
  - 5Y renewal of PREDICT-1, 1 Oct 2014 - 30 Sep 2019 (not counting extension)

- WIV sub-awardee (Shi Zhengli / Ben Hu)
- See P2Y5WIV.pdf (PREDICT-2 Y5 to Sep 2019, as a revision to Y4, signed 15 Jan 2019)

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FIRST SUBAWARD AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

NAME:	Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
ADDRESS:	#44 Xiao Hong Shan, Wuhan, Hubei Province P.R. China 430071
REFERENCE LOG #:	P2Y5WIV01
PROJECT TITLE:	PREDICT-2 Year 5 China Pathogen Discovery
PERIOD:	OCTOBER 1, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
PHONE:	011.86.1897.122.3826
E-MAIL:	zlshi@wh.iov.cn
FUNDING SOURCE:	07-306-7119-52271
DUNS NUMBER:	529027474
SUBAWARD AMOUNT:	US $122,330

Amendments to the Original Terms & Conditions:

Item 1 – Attachments A and A1 (Attachment A1 attached to this Amendment) replace Attachment A, "Project Scope of Work," to include a scope of work for Year 5 of the project.

Item 2 – Attachments B and B1 (Attachment B1 attached to this Amendment) replace Attachment B, "Project Budget," to include a budget for Year 5 of the project.

Item 3- Insert Attachment C, "USAID STANDARD PROVISIONS"

Item 4 - Insert Attachment D, Federal Award Description

Item 5 – The Period is revised as follows:
a) delete 01 OCTOBER 2017 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018
b) replace with 01 OCTOBER 2017 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Item 6 – The Subaward Amount is revised as follows:
a) delete $122,330

5. Latinne *et al.*: Organised trips for journalists

- The main source here is Peter Daszak's calendar items: https://drive.proton.me/urls/KFVFGY8X70#xYBuXjRFbZp0 [keep link]:
- Journalists involved: Jon Cohen (Science), Kai Kupferschmidt (Science), Betsy McKay (WSJ), Carl Zimmer (NYT), Sarah Newey (Telegraph UK)
- Prior to the Addendum to Latinne *et al* being discussed:
  - 2 Feb 2022: PD to call (not email) Jon Cohen and Betsy McKay re. NIH continuing to harass EHA.
- At the time the Addendum to Latinne *et al* was being discussed, as per calendar items:
  - 9 May 2022: Email Kai Kupferschmidt/Jon Cohen re. Nature. Comms
  - 9 June 2022: Travel to Vietnam with Jon Cohen in September (Cadhla, Marc, Hongying) and Sarah Newey (in Thailand?) Travel to Malaysia with reporter in November after Singapore (Cadhla, Marc, Hongying) and Sarah Newey (in Thailand?)
  - 14 June 2022 (Wallace Foundation / Travel Scheduling): 1) Jon Cohen's passport and CV for permission of field visit in Viet Nam
    (No reporting required for that Wallace foundation grant, which also covered Thailand. A good way to pay for journalists travels without leaving a trace.)
  - 20 June 2022 (EHA Board and Jeff Sturchio call): SE Asia travel with journalists
  - 20 June 2022 (notes from call above): Positive engagement strategy [..] Travel to SE Asia with journalists in the fall

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from: Mon 20 Jun 2022 15:00 **to:** Mon 20 Jun 2022 16:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes
Description:
Updates:

- **Press report**
  - Overall strategy of limited engagement, active recruitment of allies is working
  - WHO SAGO report. Reduced coverage, 3 dissenters, & almost zero mention of EcoHealth. https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/10/china/who-covid-pandemic-origins-report-intl-hnk/index.html
  - NAM; OIG Audit; Republicans on E&C committee (dead mouse); PNAS article Sachs
  - Nature Comms. paper
  - PNAS paper Taskforce
  - Security measures reduced for summer
- **Funding update**:
  - USAID Conservation Works – no problems
  - NIH contracts – no problems
  - New DoD DTRA funding Philippines
  - New NIH R01 – waiting for notification
- **Political update**:
  - WHO Pandemic Treaty
  - HSGAC questions/document requests
  - June 16th Senate HELP testimony by Dr. Fauci: Positive comments re. EcoHealth, no negative stories in press: https://twitter.com/i/status/1537505610291367936
  - Expectations of subpoenas (D, R comments), Legal support, Document retention policy
- **Positive engagement strategy**
  - Christian Frei Documentary "The Host" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Frei
  - Travel to SE Asia with journalists in the fall
  - Peter Hotez' new book "Antiscience Kills" – Early fall
  - David Quammen's new book "Breathless" – October

- 7 and 8 July 2022: Email Kai Kupferschmidt/Jon Cohen/ Sarah newly/ Betsy McKay re. Nature. Comms
- 11 and 15 Jul 2202: Email all itineraries to Christian Frei Email Kai Kupferschmidt/Jon Cohen/ Sarah newly/ Betsy McKay/Carl Zimmer re. Nature. Comm
  (Looks strongly like an ask related to the Latinne *et al* attempted Addendum ahead of taking them on SE Asia trips paid with the Wallace grant)
- 5 Sep 2022: To Thailand then field trip to Vietnam w/ Jon Cohen
- 26 Sep 2022: read Betsy McKay itinerary Call tom 8 or 9pm my time re. Betsy McKay itinerary
- 27 Sep 2022 13:00 to 14:30: call between keusch@bu.edu; betsy.mckay@wsj.com; andre@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
- 27 Sep 2022 15:00 to 16:00: after-call between Peter. Jerry, & Betsy
- 30 Sep 2022: reply to Betsy mckay's follow up email
- 6 Oct 2022, from 'All Staff Meeting Notes':Travel1. Recent travel to Thailand and Vietnam (Peter, Hongying, Cadhla, Marc with Jon Cohen; Kevin, Alice, & Ava)2. Upcoming travel to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore (with Betsy McKay)
  This confirms that Cohen went to Vietnam courtesy of EHA and the Wallace grant, and that Betsy McKay was expected to soon travel too.

What can we conclude?

- Clear attempt to frame the Latinne *et al*. Addendum by offering trips to journalists
- Likely paid under the Wallace grant, so no documentation.
- Jon Cohen went this way to Vietnam, Betsy was expected to go to Singapore (possibly Thailand and Vietnam too).
- Mention of also sending itineraries to Sarah Newey, Kai Kupferschmidt and Carl Zimmer
- On 27 April 2023, the first meeting was convened at the Rockefeller Foundation's New York City Convening Center, from 4 to 7pm EST, with Zoom connection for those not present.

6. EHA: Coalition of Support

- The main source here is Peter Daszak's calendar items: https://drive.proton.me/urls/KFVFGY8X70#xYBuXjRFbZp0 [keep link]:
- The EHA 'Coalition of Support' was centered around Jerry Keusch, Peter Hotez, and Rich Roberts (as standard-bearer for an informal Group of Nobel Prizes), took some inspiration from the way the **'Union of Concerned Scientists'** (founded in 1969) opposed nominations by Bush Jr in 2004, and backed Keusch's decision to resign his post at the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health the previous year.

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from: Tue 05 May 2020 19:30 **to:** Tue 05 May 2020 21:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: Jerry Keusch re. Union of Concerned scientists
Description:

- Keusch, Roberts and Hotez were first looped in October 2021, to lead a similar effort to defend EHA from supposed political interference as part of a EHA **'Science & Policy'** committee. This was just after the publication of the DEFUSE proposal and of FOI'd GoF revelations.

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from: Mon 04 Oct 2021 16:00 **to:** Mon 04 Oct 2021 17:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: For Communications
Description:
- Amendment
- Letter to Board
- Email to Nancye
- Upcoming FoIAs
- Science & Policy meeting w/ Rich Roberts, Peter Hotez, Jerry Keusch, David Morens
- Reach out to Board members
- Op Ed on drugs

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from: Tue 05 Oct 2021 13:00 **to:** Tue 05 Oct 2021 13:45
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for EHA + Jeff+Board Meeting
Description:
- Ensure communications with meetings with this group every other week (last meeting on 9th Sept)

- Jeff to remind
  a) this group that a leak cannot be controlled via strategy
  b) that we were expecting attacks (email, calls, et al.) to our board and this was raised in past Board Meetings and should be brought up again at Retreat, next week
  c) the fine line between amplifying the message from conspiracy theorists and communicating with Board
  d) Remind folks to take a breath and step back from any sensational news story
  e) Press is reporting same false allegations that have been circulating for months. All just a tissue of lies. They keep saying 'highly plausible theory of lab leak'. There is no more evidence for the lab leak then there was 6 months ago.

- Reminder that EHA is never FOIA'd but NIH, DTRA, et al. are and the cycle:
  a) Release of FOIA'd documents
  b) Spike of requests
  c) More FOIA requests

d) Another release
e) (repeat)

- Science and Policy Group
a) Hotez and Roberts to speak about politicization of science

HR591 Update
- Not on Senate Bill
- Making sure when House and Senate Bills are combined, that the amendment does not get included
- NOT likely a priority due to debt ceiling issues
Mention some of the outreach to folks on The Hill (Nancye/Yuri; Gillibrand; Leahy/Rieser; Epstein/Armed Services; et al.)

- Jeff to attend a portion of the Board Retreat?

- On 22 Dec 2021, in the notes for the yearly EHA fundraising event, the list of prospects for honorees includes Hotez Roberts and Keusch,under the label **'Defending Science in US'**:
- Peter Hotez, Rich Roberts, Jerry Keusch (Defending Science in US)
- On 2 Feb 2022, Daszak notes from a call with 'Jeff' (Jeff Sturchio, EHA agent dedicated to NIH/NIAIAD communications) include a mention of the **'Coalition'**:
Organizations for Coalition to reinforce our narrative about the importance of one-health research to avoid future pandemics.
- The 'President's update' on 4 Feb 2022 (an annual presentation by Daszak to all EHA staff) has 4 slides presenting the approach of EHA as to public outreach / PR
(https://drive.proton.me/urls/H05P0GAH98#kDebPJkOf0Db [keep link])

The Problem
• Politicization of Science
• Misconceptions About EcoHealth Alliance's Work
• Lack of Definitive Answers re. the origin of COVID-19

The Pattern
• Rumors, conspiracy theories
• Political campaigns to defund organizations
• FOIAs – hundreds of FOIAs!
• Efforts to discredit scientists, organizations in media (e.g. Matt Ridley)
• Death threats, calls for criminal proceedings
• Efforts to remove key scientists from positions

The Solution
• Fact-free, built on innuendo, misconceptions so that rational arguments are not effective
• Disentangling ourselves from politics; letting science speak
• Clearing up Misconceptions
• Explaining *Value of* EcoHealth Alliance's Work and Mission
• Science-based
• One Health approach
• Preventing future pandemics, promoting sustainability & conservation
• Direct benefit via drugs, vaccines
• Continuing EcoHealth Alliance's Work
• Better Understanding How Outbreaks Begin
• Implementing Solutions to Prevent Them

- On 1 Feb 2023, there was a **Coalition** meeting on Zoom, with Richard Keusch, Roberts, Hotez, Morens, James Sturchio (EHA adviser for NIH relations), Chase-Gaudreau (executive assistant to Sturchio), Daszak and Chmura.

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from: Wed 01 Feb 2023 13:00 **to:** Wed 01 Feb 2023 14:00
location:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/99526749554?pwd=R3lZZXB3NmtZeDNvVlpHbElLWndtZz09
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: jeffreysturchio@gmail.com; chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; andre@ecohealthalliance.org; douglas.sorianoosejo@bcm.edu; roberts@neb.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; hotez@bcm.edu; keusch@bu.edu; dmmorens@gmail.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com
organizer: andre@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: Coalition meeting
Description:
Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/99526749554?pwd=R3lZZXB3NmtZeDNvVlpHbElLWndtZz09

Meeting ID: 995 2674 9554
Passcode: 044012
One tap mobile
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+16469313860,,99526749554# US

- Daszak's calendar notes for that 1 Feb Zoom meeting show that he was working on setting up a '**Coalition of Support**'
  - 'Goal is to build momentum around the ideas opposing the JC *et al* ideas'
  - Considered name was 'Americans for Pandemic Preparedness'
  - A position paper was supposed to be written 'laying out reasons why this research is necessary and should be supported for National Security reasons'.
  - The idea was top reach out to scientific bodies, 'Write OpEds, publish briefing notes, set up website, visit folks on The Hill', set a 'Social media strategy', identify 'allies' etc.

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from: Wed 01 Feb 2023 18:00 **to:** Wed 01 Feb 2023 18:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: notes
Description:

- What will the coalition be for, and what will it not be for
  - Goal is to build momentum around the ideas opposing the JC et al ideas
- Who will lead the fight
- How to reach out? Who to reach out to?
  - 156 virologists letter
  - Academies
  - Societies
  - NL Campaigns
  - CUGH
  - Research America!
  - The Global 'Health Council
  - The pandemic action coalition
  - Global Health technologies coalition
  - COVID Collaborative
  - ASTMH (Dan Bausch, Karen Goraleski, Kent Kester)
  - APHA
  - Nobel Laureate Campaigns
  - APLU (KHG has connection)
  - Union of Concerned Scientists
- Name for coalitions (Americans for Pandemic Preparedness or Americans Concerned about Pandemic Research)
- Position Paper laying out reasons why this research is necessary and should be supported for National Security reasons

- What events on the Hill
- Social media strategy, allies
- What the outputs will be
- Write OpEds, publish briefing notes, set up website, visit folks on The Hill
- Who will lead, who will be our spokesperson(s)
- Regular conference calls, **meeting in person April 27th.**

- The first meeting in person of the Coalition of Support was set for 27 April 2023
  - Among the invitees are Angie Rasmussen, Gigi Gronvall, Peter Hotez, Jeffrey Keusch, David Morens, Philipp Markolin, Rich Roberts (Nobel Prize), Laurie Garett, Rita Colwell and many more, plus EHA PR agent Jeffrey Sturchio.
  - The calendar item summary was 'Planning Meeting for a Coalition to Support Public Health Science'
  - The Rockefeller foundation is one of EHA quiet supporters. It has facilitated many of EHA events, such as the key GVP meeting at the Rockefeller Bellagio Centre on the shore of Lake Como, in 2016.

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from: Thu 27 Apr 2023 11:00 **to:** Thu 27 Apr 2023 14:00
location: 420 5th Ave, New York, NY 10018, USA
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: albert.ko@yale.edu; am939@cumc.columbia.edu; andre@ecohealthalliance.org; angela.rasmussen@usask.ca; athevenon@nas.edu; cdelrio@emory.edu; cmmorel@gmail.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; dcarroll008@gmail.com; ekvraga@umn.edu; epstein@ecohealthalliance.org; ggronvall@jhu.edu; hotez@bcm.edu; imperial@umich.edu; jav4003@med.cornell.edu; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com; jliao@nas.edu; jluray@researchamerica.org; jmhughe@emory.edu; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; keusch@bu.edu; kgoraleski@astmh.org; kkester@iavi.org; kmartin@cugh.org; lmadoffpmm@gmail.com; mary.calo@bcm.edu; mwoolley@researchamerica.org; nahid.bhadelia@bmc.org; nrao@rockfound.org; olival@ecohealthalliance.org; oreskes@fas.harvard.edu; pduprex@pitt.edu; philipp.markolin@reatch.ch; rbright2@gmail.com; roberts@neb.com; rrcolwell@gmail.com; scott.ratzan@sph.cuny.edu; spopesc2@gmu.edu; thomas.zwaka@mssm.edu; vrr1@cumc.columbia.edu; drnickilurie@gmail.com; rbright@bglobalhealth.org; arthur.caplan@nyulangone.org; richard.carpiano@ucr.edu; saad.omer@yale.edu; kuuipo9@proton.me; laurie@lauriegarrett.com; lgolight@med.cornell.edu; mary.hall@bcm.edu; tony.schountz@colostate.edu; kartik.chandran@einsteinmed.org; kartik.chandran@einsteinmed.edu
organizer: andre@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: Planning Meeting for a Coalition to Support Public Health Science
Description:
Dear All,

We look forward to seeing you in person or virtually on Thursday, April 27th at 1:00pm.

The meeting will be held at Rockefeller Foundation's New York City Convening Center (420 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10018) and over Zoom (details below). Lunch will provided from 12:30-1:00 pm before the meeting.

Attached is a logistics note and an agenda will be before the meeting.

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Topic: Planning Meeting for a Coalition to Support Public Health Science
Time: Apr 27, 2023 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/92108038844?pwd=QnpVMng2RnA3ZU4xYzZxNzZVd3BQQT09

Meeting ID: 921 0803 8844
Passcode: 856426

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+16469313860,,92108038844# US
Find your local number: https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/u/acoLmDYp6

- In the morning of 17 May 2023, Marco Rubio, then top Republican in the Senate Intelligence Committee, released a 329-page report ('A complex and grave situation' - A political chronology of the SARS-CoV-2 Outbreak).
  - Daszak's calendar shows that he was to 'Look for COVID origins news Marco Rubio' between 8 and 10 am.
  - Daszak had a quick half-an-hour call with Markolin later that day, at 1pm.
- On 19 June 2023, a follow-up one-hour call took place
  - The summary was 'Combatting Anti-Science', and the agenda was 'COALITION CONVENING GROUP FOLLOW UP MEETING'
  - The invited attendees were 'Dr. Peter Hotez, Dr. Peter Daszak, Dr. Rich Roberts, Dr. Jeffrey Sturchio, Dr. Gerald Keusch, Dr. Aleksei Chmura, Dr. David Morens, Mary Andrea Calo, Mary Hall'
    - Hotez, Mary Andrea Calo and Marty Hall are all from the Baylor College of Medicine (BCM).
    - The call was organized by Mary Hall of BCM.
  - The discussion topics were:
    - 'Review concept paper – drafted by Dr. Daszak
    - Similar organizations and opportunities for collaboration
    - Action items and next steps
    - Investment opportunities for donors
    - Potential academic journal
    - Other'
- In parallel, on 20 June 2023, William ('Bill') Novelli (EHA appointed general PR agent) shared the framework of the distinct 'Coalition for Trust in Health & Science Communications'.
- That 'Coalition for Trust in Health and Science' was formed in March 2023, with Bill Novelli as co-chair.
  - See
    - https://youtu.be/-Yvbn_gEbHs?si=G42jwmehxLt8KjIp
    - https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/980879
  - The 'Coalition for Trust in Health and Science' is mentioned by Peter Hotez in his book '*The Deadly Rise of Anti-Science—A Scientist's Warning*' as an example that could be followed by a coalition more focused on defending the individual scientist.
- On 17 Aug 2023, Daszak's calendar contains this note: 'Email Gates Foundation re. Coalition (funding) pitch?'

Analysis

- Novelli had already set up a Coalition for Trust in Health & Science Communications in March 2023.
- Most likely, Daszak considered the possibility of a dedicated coalition focused on OneHealth work (the type of work EHA was doing) more than on vaccine avoidance.
- This resulted in the meeting on 27 April, organized by Peter Hotez.
- The idea was then picked up by Hotez and Mary Andrea Calo of BCM, with Mary Hall (of BCM) organizing the follow-up call.
- Peter Hotez referred to the defensive role he played, with Keusch and Roberts, in his book, 'The Deadly Rise of Anti-science':

"To enlist the help of colleagues and to seek their advice, I reached out to two informal groups. ***One included regular e-mails or Zoom chats with Peter Daszak and two esteemed colleagues, Drs. Gerald Keusch and Rich Roberts****. Dr. Keusch was former director of the NIH Fogarty International Center, and Rich Roberts is a Nobel laureate for his work in eukaryotic RNA expression who helped to create New England BioLabs.* ***While our group was originally organized to help advise Peter Daszak in managing the unfair and unjust assaults on his character and organization****, in time, as I became a target for very different reasons—my staunch support of vaccines—I found the calls personally useful for comparing notes and even risk-management strategies for potential physical confrontations."*

7. EHA: Lobbying to fight defunding threats

7.1. NDAA, HASC and SASC

- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides authorization of appropriations for the Department of Defense (DOD), nuclear weapons programs of the Department of Energy, and other defense-related activities. The process starts around early February and takes 8 months. The House Committee on Armed Services (also known as the House Armed Services Committee, or HASC) and the Senate Committee on Armed Services (also known as the Senate Armed Services Committee, or SASC) have jurisdiction, and scrutinize the President's budget request. The House and the Senate must then approve the same bill after reconciliation of their differences before the end of September. That bill is then presented to the President
- As the House and the Senate try to pull the final bill their way, the final version ends up watering down or altogether dropping some of the non-consensual wording initially proposed by the Senate or the House, and often trades narrow-interest amendments ('log-rolling'). This offers plenty of time for successful lobbying.

7.2. Defunding efforts and lobbying

EHA defunding efforts started under Biden's presidency, in 2021. During 2021-23, EHA fought the efforts back successfully, with the help of some targeted lobbying. Nevertheless, the defunding efforts eventually succeeded in 2024 when Daszak lost the support of the Democrats. The calendar events, which include some emails, allow one to follow the progress of that lobbying (see also https://drive.proton.me/urls/HXCH7GQWE8#028oihULDN4A [keep link]).

2021

- Starting in 2021, Daszak put significant effort on Sen. Gilliland (D. NY) and her staff to lobby against any defunding in the NDAA.
- Sen. Kirsten Gilliland (D. NY) was a key player as she was the third-ranking Democratic member on the **SASC** (Senate Armed Services Committee). She also served as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities and was a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.
- Sen. Gillibrand was very receptive.
  - Daszak was already in touch with her in April 2021.
  - On 21 May 2021, Daszak noted that the 'only potential threats' were:
    - 'Defund EHA'
    - 'NSF funding bill Endless Frontier Act defund WIV' [that bill went nowhere, but could have cut funding to the WIV via EHA]
    - 'potential for No org that works w/ china can have federal funding'

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from: Fri 21 May 2021 11:30 **to:** Fri 21 May 2021 13:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Political notes
Description:
GAO
Working w/ other scientists to speak up
Only potential threats:
- Defund EHA,
- NSF funding bill Endless Frontier Act defund WIV,
- potential for No org that works w/ china can have federal funding

Forbes, LA Times, Politifact etc.
WHA 24th may-1st june

- On 26 May 2021, one month later, Sen. Gillibrand (D.) asked with Sen. Marshall (R.) for a transparent investigation into the COVID-19 outbreak mandated by the coming World Health Assembly (noted above in Daszak's calendar item), and in the absence of such a decision by the WHA, for the US to lead such investigation. The US Senate passed that bipartisan amendment.
- On the same day, 26 May 2021, Pres. Biden asked for 'the intelligence community to redouble their efforts to collect and analyze information that could bring us closer to a definitive conclusion, and to report back to me in 90 days'.
- On 27 May 2021, Daszak noted again that he could count on the support of Sen. Gillibrand

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from: Thu 27 May 2021 12:00 **to:** Thu 27 May 2021 13:00
location: https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/97504624319
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: All Staff
Description:
All Staff Meeting - 27 May 2021

(Yellow Highlights are comments only for you!)

Politics & Science:
- WHO mission
- PR
  - Recent stories on EcoHealth Alliance publications, opportunities with the benefit
  - Limited interviews with journalists who want to talk about the lab leak issue, or other controversies
- NIH terminated grant
- Political support for our work
  - Senators, Congressional Reps (e.g. Sens. Gillibrand and Schumer, Rep.Maloney, members of Committees of relevance in the House and Senate)
  - House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology
  - House Energy & Commerce Committee
  - Nobel Laureates: https://nlcampaigns.org/daszak_grant.html & https://nlcampaigns.org/daszak_grant2.html.
  - Group of three leaders from: NIH, BSL-4, Nobel Laureate group
  - Science & Health journalists on the Left & the Right: Science, Nature, NYT, WSJ, Telegraph UK, Economist

FAQ – Responding to Conspiracy Theories (see Robert's Google Doc or your latest MS Word version or PPT from Board Meeting)

HIRING & STAFFING
[calendar item continues.]

- The outreach to Gillibrand, Tim Reiser and others, is further confirmed on 23 Jul 2021, while past and present board members were also mobilised (Jerry K. is Gerald Keusch, a board member of EHA and strong supporter).

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from: Fri 23 Jul 2021 11:00 **to:** Fri 23 Jul 2021 12:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for EHA+Jeff+Board Meeting
Description:
1. Update on current media situation

- Press volume is down
- CNN (on 11th) - Nancye knows, but maybe Carlota and Ben do not
- No media inquiries after Tony Fauci - Rand Paul interview, this Wednesday

2. Current tactics/plan underway and working
- Continued media silence
- Outreach continues
    a) Tim Reiser
    b) Sen. Gillibrand's office
    c) Jerry K. et al.
    d) others
- Drafting outreach to old board and other stakeholders

- This was followed by the first Bipartisan COVID Origins Briefing on 3 Aug 2021, held by Sens. Marshall and Gillibrand.
- On 13 Aug and 18 Aug, Daszak had conversations with 3 EHA board members, Ellen Shedlarz (on 13), Cynthia Stebbins (on 18), and Nancy Griffin (on 18 also). He discussed with them the upcoming lobbying targets that he had for them:
    - Anna Eshoo, D. Rep CA 18th Dist. since 2013
    - Carolyn B. Maloney, D. Rep NY 12 Dist. since 2013
    - Chuck Schumer, D. Sen since 1999

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from: Wed 18 Aug 2021 15:30 **to:** Wed 18 Aug 2021 16:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Call Nancy Griffin (+1.973.452.0348)
Description:
- Chair and ONLY Member of Audit Committee after Margery Fischbein stepped off in March 2021

Topics:
- DHHS OIG Audit of NIH and EHA
    - Strategy and how 12+ years of USAID awards have put us in a excellent place to be up to latest as per US govt. Code of Federal Regulations' Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - CFR 200: https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=cd57fb206e672e032c0b052d82a1b1db&mc=true&node=pt2.1.200&rgn=div5
    - Expected to take up to 1-year - likely due to NIH?
    - Although there will be no Audit report for the 16th October Board Retreat, should there be a brief DHHS OIG audit call update with Nancy Griffin, Nancye Green, Armine, and you sometime in late September or early October - before 16th October Retreat?
- Nancy was at our July Board Meeting, so will have gist of our communication strategy with Jeff Sturchio
    - re. getting ahead of the latest conspiracies or potential news-cycle events
    - planned OpEds to get EHA mission out there (repeatedly, as per Carlota and Ben).
- McCaul Report
- *Nature Communications* paper
- Rand Paul encounter with Fauci and how this yields more positive stories and moves towards zero noise
- Upcoming targets for Board/other contacts with Congressional Aides or others for:
    - Anna Eshoo, D. Rep CA 18th Dist. since 2013
    - Carolyn B. Maloney, D. Rep NY 12 Dist. since 2013
    - Chuck Schumer, D. Sen since 1999
- ~$20 million USAID Conservation Works - Liberia in "co-creation" phase
- Invite from DTRA for Iraq White Paper

- On 27 August 2021, 3 months after Pres. Biden made his demand, the ODNI published a summary report on the possible origins, which unfortunately disclosed extremely little over a mere 40 lines, and was essentially a mock exercise. (The longer declassified assessment published on 29 Oct 2021, just after the release of DEFUSE and of key FOIs, was only marginally more informative.).
- On 23 September 2021, the House **passed** the amendment H.R.591, authored by Congressman Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14) prohibiting federal funding to EcoHealth Alliance for the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. That amendment was first introduced in Feb 2021 and went through the usual lengthy NDAA process. This is bad news for EHA, as the amendment has now passed the House.
- On 5 Oct 2021, Peter discussed Reschenthaler's H.R.591 amendment with Sen. Gillibrand's staffers (Jasmin Palomares, Gilbert Ruiz). In his notes for the discussions, even drafted a Dear Colleague letter against the NDAA amendment, that he wanted Sen. Gillibrand to 'write' and circulate.
[note: 'Gil' below is Sen. Gillibrand.]
[note: amendment #148 in the second calendar item below is really H.R. 591. Congressman Reschenthaler is indeed the one who sent a letter to the DoD in April 2020.]

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from: Tue 05 Oct 2021 13:00 **to:** Tue 05 Oct 2021 13:45
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for EHA + Jeff+Board Meeting
Description:

- Ensure communications with meetings with this group every other week (last meeting on 9th Sept)
- Jeff to remind
  a) this group that a leak cannot be controlled via strategy
  b) that we were expecting attacks (email, calls, et al.) to our board and this was raised in past Board Meetings and should be brought up again at Retreat, next week
  c) the fine line between amplifying the message from conspiracy theorists and communicating with Board
  d) Remind folks to take a breath and step back from any sensational news story
  e) Press is reporting same false allegations that have been circulating for months. All just a tissue of lies. They keep saying 'highly plausible theory of lab leak'. There is no more evidence for the lab leak then there was 6 months ago.
- Reminder that EHA is never FOIA'd but NIH, DTRA, et al. are and the cycle:
  a) Release of FOIA'd documents
  b) Spike of requests
  c) More FOIA requests
  d) Another release
  e) (repeat)
- Science and Policy Group
  a) Hotez and Roberts to speak about politicization of science

HR591 Update

- Not on Senate Bill
- Making sure when House and Senate Bills are combined, that the amendment does not get included
- NOT likely a priority due to debt ceiling issues

Mention some of the outreach to folks on The Hill (Nancye/Yuri; Gillibrand; Leahy/Rieser; Epstein/Armed Services; et al.)

- Jeff to attend a portion of the Board Retreat?

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from: Tue 05 Oct 2021 15:00 **to:** Tue 05 Oct 2021 15:45
location:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/93035910007?pwd=ditLS04vY2hDNzlKb3ZkNi8rbWhuUT09

status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; jasmin_palomares@gillibrand.senate.gov; amanda.berhaupt@gmail.com; chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; kessler@ecohealthalliance.org; gilbert_ruiz@gillibrand.senate.gov; j_sturchio@msn.com
organizer: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: EcoHealth Alliance/Senator Gillibrand's Staff
Description:
Peter Daszak is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: EHA/Senator Gillibrand Staff
Time: Oct 5, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/93035910007?pwd=ditLS04vY2hDNzlKb3ZkNi8rbWhuUT09

Meeting ID: 930 3591 0007
Passcode: 020430
One tap mobile
+16465588656,,93035910007# US (New York)

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from: Tue 05 Oct 2021 15:00 **to:** Tue 05 Oct 2021 15:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for gillibrand
Description:

- Main bullet points
- Timing of NDAA?
- What is the process – will Sen. Gillibrand simply remove it?
- Will Sen. Gillibrand be able to say "I won't agree to conference version if amendment #148 is in there"
- Would Sen. Gillibrand write a "Dear Colleague" letter
    1. It is based on the false premise that the virus emerged from a laboratory – the majority of scientists, and of intel agencies believe it has a natural origin
    2. It sets a precedent that an individual member of congress can circumvent normal protocols for funding contracts and grants set up by govt agencies, based on political motives
    3. It accuses an organization of being implicit in causing a terrible pandemic, with no evidence, and without due process
    4. No DoD funding to this organization (EcoHealth Alliance) has ever been used to conduct work in China. This was already clarified in a response to a letter to DoD from this Congressman in Summer 2020
    5. This amendment would effectively close down a non-profit that does work to protect US citizens from future pandemic threats, and would mean New York City residents losing their jobs.

Gil – we are all extremely worried about this amendment and are desperately grateful for everything you are doing to protect us from these clearly political and disingenuous attacks. Everyone at our organization remains fully committed to our mission and just wants to get back to work protecting the US from future pandemic threats.

- At the time, other members of committees of relevance in the House and Senate were Sen. Schumer and Rep. Maloney, Adam Smith (HASC Ranking Member) through his member of staff, Connor Stubbs.
- The notes above also show that, in complement to Daszak's action on the **HASC** via Sen. Gillibrand, EHA was also reaching out to the Hill via:
    - EHA board member Nancy Griffin with Yuri Beckelman (then Senior Advisor to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs)
    - Patrick Leahy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and Tim Rieser (Leahy's senior foreign policy aide, and one of the most powerful staffers on the Hill),

- Jonathan Epstein (EHA) working on the **SASC.**

2022

- On 2 Feb 2022, as the threat of Reschenthaler's amendment HR591 was materializing, EHA was moving up one gear in its PR and political lobbying effort. The calendar item below shows
  - Another mention of contacts with select journalists (Jon Cohen, Betsy McKay)
  - The first mention of the 'Coalition of Support' (see section 6) which would take a few more months to materialise.
  - More decisively, the need to recruit a lobbying firm is put on the table. Three political lobbying firms are being discussed: Kyle House Group, Burness, VoxGlobal.

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from: Wed 02 Feb 2022 15:00 **to:** Wed 02 Feb 2022 16:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Jeff Call Notes
Description:
Updates

- GAO call, last week
- Response(s) to NIH/CAP
- Quammen's Book
- Organizations for Coalition to reinforce our narrative about the importance of one-health research to avoid future pandemics
- Reschenthaler & HR591
- Matthew's comments (from 10 December 2021)
  - MT asks if EHA has lobbyist
  - Says: HR591 unlikely to be passed; bulk of legislation is not passed; no clear legal objection to the existence of the bill; if we try to directly address it, will draw unnecessary attention to it
  - Bill of Attainder or extra-judicial legislation

Press

- PD to call (not email) Jon Cohen and Betsy McKay re. NIH continuing to harass EHA re. non-compliance. Share Letter(s)? Just to give them each an update as to continuing developments in this story.

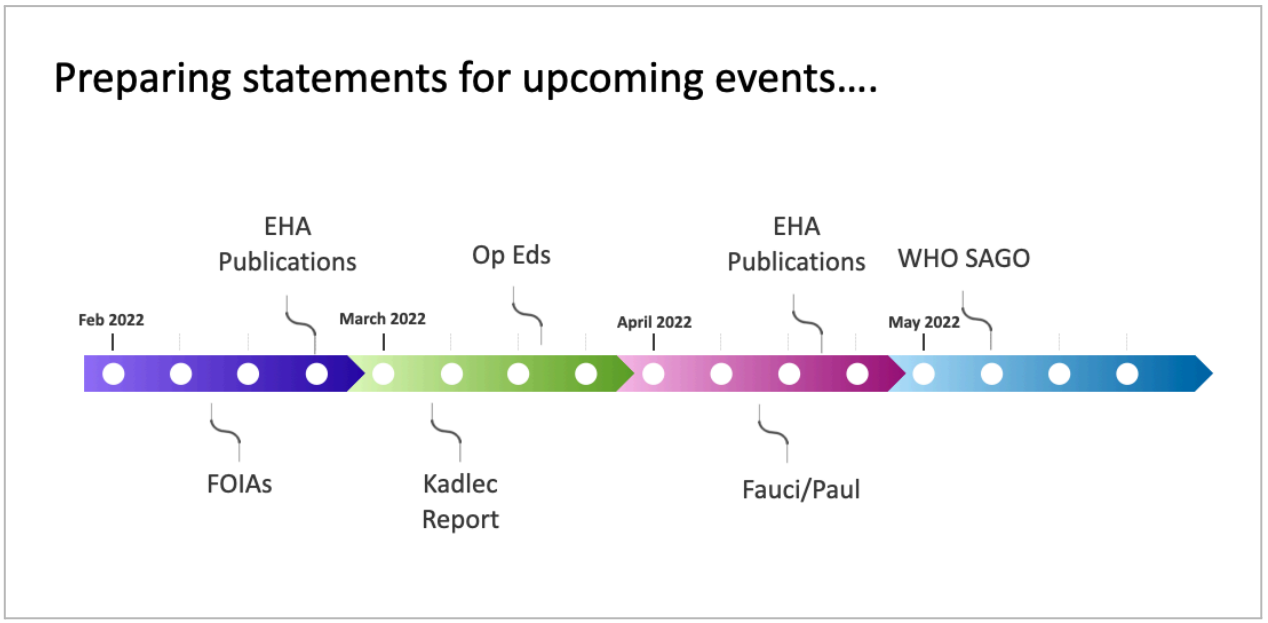
Specifics on OpEds
Previous ACTION Items:

- PD to reignite draft paper with V. Dzau and pitch to PNAS
- Pitch deforestation piece to…??
- Field to Pharmacy – invite to Carlos das Neves?

Political Outreach

- Speaking to Porter Kyle Delaney next Monday
- Burness – [AAC to contact Pamela for contacts there? And then set up meeting with PD, JS, AAC?]
- VoxGlobal – JS heard back and they have no one available presently
- Another group for comparison?

- The 'President's update' on 4 Feb 2022 (an annual presentation by Daszak to all EHA staff) mentioned KHG, VoxGlobal and Burness in a slide. The previous slide also showed the coming timeline (pro-EHA actions above the timeline, against EHA under it).



- On 7 Feb 2022, Kyle House Group (KHG, a lobbying firm) is again discussed. The points to be discussed with KHG are:
    - How to fight the Reschenthaler's amendment
    - How to 'decouple EHA from NIH/Fauc'.

  That second point is interesting. It was clear to Daszak that, as much as Morens and others may work behind the scene to protect EHA, Fauci was not going to show much public support and expend some political cartridges for EHA. Indeed, Fauci's priority was to defend the NIH, and that meant redirecting the heat towards EHA, which was turning into a stone around Fauci's neck. In the following calendar item, Daszak thus wants to distance himself from the NIH, let Fauci fight his NIH battle, while he takes care of his own EHA battle, for which he needs to seek his own political support.

  This is also in line with the item above: *'PD to call (not email) Jon Cohen and Betsy McKay re. NIH continuing to harass EHA re. non-compliance'.*

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from: Mon 07 Feb 2022 12:00 **to:** Mon 07 Feb 2022 13:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:

organizer:
Summary: Questions for Kyle House Group
Description:
- How to decouple EHA from NIH/Fauci?
- Way to get Reschenthaler to stop attacks/bills?

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from: Mon 07 Feb 2022 12:00 **to:** Mon 07 Feb 2022 13:00
location:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/98388895255?pwd=NU1sYThFbTZWSXBWNE9wR0NPalhzZz09
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; andre@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; j_sturchio@msn.com; chmura@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer: andre@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: EcoHealth Alliance / Kyle House Group
Description:
Peter Daszak is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Peter Daszak, Porter Delaney, Jeff Sturchio
Time: Feb 7, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Passcode: 711064
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- On 21 Feb 2022, another meeting took place between EHA and KHG. Some key board members of EHA were present: Carlota Vollhardt, Nancye Green, Ben Plumley, Pamela Thye. A few days later, KHG had delivered a proposal to Daszak.
  [**note:** Kathy Chase-Gaudreau first pops up in emails at that time. She was the executive assistant of Jeffrey Sturchio (ex CEO of Rabin Martin). Jeffrey was helping with the NIAIAD/NIH relation.]

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from: Mon 21 Feb 2022 14:30 **to:** Mon 21 Feb 2022 15:00
location:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/95772466238?pwd=Qlg5UGgwR0NDb0UraUFSRFVPSExjQT09
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: andre@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; j_sturchio@msn.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; porter@kylehousegroup.com; ashley@kylehousegroup.com; nancye@dgtwo.com; pmthye@gmail.com; benplumley@hunuvat.com; carlota.vollhardt@e-k-i.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com
organizer: andre@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: EcoHealth Alliance / Kyle House Group
Description:
Topic: EcoHealth Alliance/Kyle House Group Meeting
Time: Feb 21, 2022 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/95772466238?pwd=Qlg5UGgwR0NDb0UraUFSRFVPSExjQT09

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from: Sun 27 Feb 2022 11:00 **to:** Sun 27 Feb 2022 12:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:

Summary: Please review/approve Kyle House Group Proposal
Description:
- Aleksei & Armine think this looks good
- If you approve, Aleksei can proceed rapidly with Porter
- Time sensitive due to potential meetings Porter could have with Congressman Ted Yoho, this week

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- On 14 Mar 2022, EHA had a kick-off call with Kyle House Group (KHG), its retained lobbyist. During that call, KHG offered a detailed intelligence and lobbying strategy targeted at lawmakers. Full proposal as per https://drive.proton.me/urls/3MHMCM954G#BW8ms1OI8AZV and https://drive.proton.me/urls/B0D3XDE82C#M0RV455W8IjW [keep link].
  - Porter DeLaney was the main KHG operative.
  - The strategy is very extensive. It targets the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Energy & Commerce Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee through both Democratic and Republican senators or House representatives and their staffs.

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from: Mon 14 Mar 2022 12:30 **to:** Mon 14 Mar 2022 13:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: See Agenda for KHG meeting
Description:

3-14-22 EHA-KHG Kickoff Call Agenda

- I. Review Phase I Scope of Work and Discuss Action Plan and Timeline
- II. EHA Information Materials for Congressional Outreach
- III. First Wave of KHG Outreach
  - a. House Foreign Affairs Committee staff
  - b. House Energy and Commerce Committee staff
  - c. House Appropriations Committee staff
  - d. Reps. Reschenthaler, Guthrie, Cole, McMorris-Rodgers, Chabot, Dunn
  - e. Full congressional outreach target list (see below)
  - f. USAID and HHS political staff outreach
- IV. EHA Updates
  - a. Intercept interview
  - b. Outreach to E&C Democratic professional staff

KHG Phase I Congressional Outreach Target List

- 1. House Foreign Affairs Committee
  - Republican committee staff: Chris Farrar, Meg Gallagher
  - Democratic committee staff: Katy Crosby
  - Target HFAC Members:
    - Democratic: Chairman Meeks, Africa and Global Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Karen Bass, International Development and International Organizations Subcommittee Chairman Joaquin Castro, Ami Bera, Chrissy Houlahan, Sara Jacobs
    - Ranking Member Michael McCaul, Steve Chabot, Young Kim, Tim Burchett
- 2. House Energy & Commerce Committee
  - Republican committee staff
  - Democratic committee staff
  - Target E&C Members:
    - Democratic: Health Subcommittee Ranking Member Ana Eshoo, Kurt Schrader, Kim Schrier
    - Republican: Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Neal Dunn, Fred Upton, Michael Burgess, Richard Hudson, John Curtis
- 3. House Appropriations Committee
  - SFOPS and Labor-HHS Subcommittee Staff

- Target Appropriations Committee Members:
  - Democratic: SFOPS Chairwoman Barbara Lee, Labor-HHS Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro, Lois Frankel, Grace Meng, David Price, Betty McCollum
  - Republican: SFOPS Ranking Member Hal Rogers, Labor-HHS Ranking Member Tom Cole, Reps. Chris Stewart, Mario Diaz-Balart

Phase I: Targeted Reconnaissance and Political Intelligence Gathering (March & April)

- A round of focused and discreet outreach to a set of Republican and Democratic lawmakers to assess baseline views of EcoHealth Alliance and the root causes of opposition, and to assess opportunities for isolating opposition and building new support for EcoHealth Alliance.
- A target list that includes key Members of Congress on the Foreign Affairs, Appropriations, and Intelligence Committees, as well as rank-and-file leaders on global health.
- Weekly updates to EcoHealth Alliance.
- Written report summarizing the findings of the outreach campaign and providing a series of recommendations for follow-on engagement.
- Support for the EcoHealth Alliance team in reviewing relevant information and messaging materials and offering recommendations on information requirements and message positioning for follow on engagement of targeted lawmakers.

Phase II: Educational and Advocacy Outreach Campaign (May – August)

- Intensive outreach effort to targeted lawmakers in order to educate and cultivate new support. The ultimate objective for these outreach efforts will be to minimize the likelihood of future legislative efforts to prohibit funding for EcoHealth Alliance or to otherwise limit or undermine EcoHealth Alliance's work with USG.
- The outreach efforts will also seek to positively develop a bipartisan base of support for EcoHealth Alliance's critical One Health work as a core component of USG global health security and pandemic preparedness efforts. Kyle House Group will coordinate with EcoHealth Alliance on the target list for these outreach efforts and will arrange meetings between EcoHealth Alliance leadership and targeted Members of Congress and senior staff.
- Kyle House Group will prepare meetings briefers, staff all the meetings, and take the lead on relevant follow up action items to maximize the positive impacts of the outreach efforts.

- The intelligence and congressional outreach strategy seems to have been successful for the rest of the year. It was supplemented by a communication strategy and arranged field trips for some select journalists, which also came handy at the exact time when EHA had to deal with the unfortunate issue of poached Lao samples having popped up in Latinne *et al* (see sections 5 and 6 above).\
[**note**: Majelia Ampadu was in charge of the social media presence of EHA. She did not stay in the job very long.]

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from: Wed 03 Aug 2022 12:00 **to:** Wed 03 Aug 2022 12:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: NOTES for Exec mtg
Description:
Emailed to you, today, but also, below:

Draft Agenda for 17 Oct 2022 Meeting
Attendees: Peter Daszak, Nancye Green, Carlota Vollhardt, Ben Plumley, Jeff Sturchio, Majelia Ampadu, and Aleksei Chmura:

1. Congressional Outreach with Kyle House Group

1. Tracking NDAA for any last-minute amendments
2. Senator Ernst staff outreach
3. Meetings/Outreach with HFAC Africa Subcommittee (Cierra Pettiford, Cory Maks, Tomekah Burl)

4. Call with Kripa Sreepada (from Sen. Tina Smith D MN)
5. Call with Greg Adams (Barbara Lee, Chair of Foreign Operations and Related Programs)
6. Outreach to Connor Stubbs (Rep. Adam Smith)
7. Summary of Congressional R's Criticism
    - EHA engaged in risky virus hunting and Gain of Function research in China with USG funds that caused or contributed to COVID-19's emergence
    - EHA did not meet NIH safety requirements for its field research in China, specifically regarding oversight of WIV research
    - EHA has refused to provide data from its NIH funded research in China
    - EHA did not meet NIH grant reporting requirements
    - EHA has refused to respond to congressional information requests

2. NIAID/CoV (re)Negotiation

1. NIH Program officer and senior NIAID program personnel favorable
2. Currently negotiating the details, scope of work, and budget with NIAID
3. Speaking with Program Officers tomorrow (to finalize revisions and budget)

3. DHHS OIG Audit

1. Exit Conference completed on 30th August
2. On 29th Sept from OIG: the final report draft to EHA will be in "the coming weeks, but our timeline depends on many factors involving our internal review process."
3. 30-days opportunity for EHA rebuttal/comments before final version is released (including rebuttal/comments from EHA and NIH).
4. Report, then in Dec or later?

4. Continued Strategy for promoting good news about EcoHealth Alliance

High-impact papers

- Program successes
- Funding/project awards
- 3+/week social media posts
- Monthly email blasts to funders
- (Preparations for political shifts in midterms and beyond?)

5. Other items

Living Safely with Wildlife launched successfully

- Social Media Presentation at Board Retreat
- Allen Model Project (update at Retreat)
- ACTION: Send Editorial/Article on Fauci to Board. (The one in *Science* one?: https://www.science.org/content/article/anthony-fauci-loved-and-hated-plots-his-next-move-i-m-not-going-sit-my-house)

6. Specific Press strategy

1. *PNAS* TF
2. *Nature Communications*
3. Recent travel with Jon Cohen
4. Upcoming travel with Betsy McKay

7. Upcoming Issues (OIG; press following renegotiation of R01; NDAA; Rs) in-line with continued communication strategy:

a. EHA did NOT cause the/any pandemic
b. EHA IS transparent about all its research and always has been
c. EHA has NOT done GoF research for years with no oversight
d. EHA's goal ALWAYS has been to conduct smart surveillance to prevent the next pandemic

2023

- Jan 2023:
  - Full day of lobbying in Washington.
    - 'Senate Democrats to block amendments'.
    - Targets:
      - Ed Royce (R.), former Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee
      - Jake Merryman (Sen. Gillibrand's staffer (D-NY))
      - Victoria Bautista (staffer for House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member Adam Smith (D-Wash))
      - Tom Moran (Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Maria Salazar (R-Fl))
      - Senate Democratic Appropriations Committee Staff
  - Calendar items:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 08:30 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 09:00
location: Location TBD Near Brownstein Office
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Coffee with Ed Royce (former Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee)
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: DC Planning Session with Jeff and Porter
Description:
Georgetown or Capital Hill Club or Metropolitian Club
- JS comments that Capital Hill Club would be best
- Potential for meeting with Ed Royce and Ted Yoho

2 hours strategy with JS and PDL
- including scope of work for KHG/PDL over 2023 Lunch

2 hours meeting with reps et al.

Sen. Gillibrand's staffer – Jake Merryman DVM MPH AVMA/AAAS Congressional Fellow 2022-2023 (finishes in August).

- Senate Democrats to block amendments
- Amendment rules under McCarthy deal – voice votes
- David Brock, Facts First USA (cf. Guardian article)
- HSGAC – phone call to explain we're going to produce monthly records depending on our workload.
- GAO – call next week
- OIG – need to draft statement ready for report
- FBI/DoJ subpoena – sent all emails w/ WIV just before Xmas. Will send another batch before end Jan
- FoIAs
  - R01 Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos + emails – sent our redacted version to Betsy McKay - expect it to be released end of Jan at earliest
  - Other foia's tracking now…

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:

organizer:
Summary: Zoom for DC meeting
Description:
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/95580378631?pwd=Zk9rV3QxZzBGb3hHdWVRenE5aG1ldz09
Meeting ID: 955 8037 8631
Passcode: 007690
One tap mobile
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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:00
location: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, 1155 F St NW Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20004, USA
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Advocacy and Outreach Strategy Planning Session
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:30
location: 2264 Rayburn House Office Building, 45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515, USA
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com; julian@kylehousegroup.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: EHA Meeting with Victoria Bautista (House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member Adam Smith)
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 11:30 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 12:00
location: 2162 Rayburn
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Meeting with Tom Moran (Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Maria Salazar)
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 12:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 13:00
location: Capitol Hill Club, 300 First St SE, Washington, DC 20003, USA
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Strategy Planning over Lunch
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 13:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 16:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Meetings tbc
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 13:30 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 14:00
location: Dirksen Senate Office Building
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Meeting with Senate Democratic Appropriations Committee Staff
Description:

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from: Fri 13 Jan 2023 15:00 **to:** Fri 13 Jan 2023 17:28

location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Amtrak Acela 2170
Description:
RESERVATION NUMBER E5CD7D

- The 'President's Update' of Feb 2023 (has one slide mentioning the 'Targeted communications on the Hill' by KHG (with a photo of Porter Kyle Delaney):
  https://drive.proton.me/urls/Y3BEQQEVCR#ROQjSKNH1uLW [keep link]

- June 2023:
  - Jacob ('Jake') Merryman, Sachin Mathur, Ben Lebowitz were staffers of Gillibrand in touch with EHA.
  - EHA was aiming to stop Sen. Ernst's amendments that would have cut EHA funding and that were by then attached to the Senate Armed Services Committee-passed NDAA draft (National Defense Authorization Act) in June 2023.
  - Immediately after these amendments passed into the draft NDAA, at the advice of Porter from Kyle House Group, Daszak had various calls or meetings with Gillibrand's staffers to get Sen. Ernst (R. Iowa) amendments removed from the NDAA conference later that year (when the NDAA was to be finalised).

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from: Fri 30 Jun 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 30 Jun 2023 09:30
location: 478 Senate Russell Building
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: jacob_merryman@gillibrand.senate.gov; j_sturchio@msn.com; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; kathy.chasegaudreau@gmail.com; jeffreysturchio@gmail.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Meeting between Peter Daszak and Senator Gillibrand's Office
Description:

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from: Fri 30 Jun 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 30 Jun 2023 10:00
location:

status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for Jake Merryman Meeting
Description:
You may recall that Jake is a veterinary doctor, who is serving as an American Veterinary Medical Association fellowship with Senator Gillibrand's office.
We met with Jake back in January, and he was very engaged and supportive of EHA's mission and work.
In my communications with Jake this week, he indicated that they are aware of Sen Ernst's EHA amendment, and will share more details on the text with us in the meeting.
We should focus the discussion on the substance of the Ernst amendment, and what can be done to strip/revise it from the final agreed upon NDAA later this year. Explain EHA's partnership work with DoD, which is at stake.
Remind Jake of EHA's employment footprint in NYC, and the practical effects of the defunding provisions that are being put forward in Congress in terms of layoffs of EHA staff.
Provide update to Jake on EHA's interactions with oversight committees and good faith efforts to provide requested information.

- In June 2023, during his visit to Washington DC, Daszak also had meetings with Nia Thomas, a senior legislative assistant who handles health and appropriations issues for Congressman Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), after being introduced via lobbying firm KHG. Espaillat served on the House Appropriations Committee, and the State Foreign Operations Subcommittee, making him a natural target for opposing de-funding.
- On 3 Aug 2023, Daszak had a video conference call with Michelle Schein (Senior Foreign Policy Advisor in the Office of Congresswoman Grace Meng (Vice Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee and a member of the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee, where she handled foreign affairs, defense, and healthcare), organised by Porter from KHG, the EHA lobbying company.
- On 4 Aug 2023, Daszak met in Washington with congressional staff Connor Stubbs (Congressman Adam Smith, D., HASC Ranking Member) and Greg Adams (Congresswoman Barbara Lee, D. Cal., House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations), with Porter from KHG.

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from: Fri 04 Aug 2023 08:30 **to:** Fri 04 Aug 2023 09:30
location: 2264 Rayburn House Office Building
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Meeting with Connor Stubbs (Congressman Adam Smith)
Description:

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from: Fri 04 Aug 2023 09:30 **to:** Fri 04 Aug 2023 10:30
location: 2470 Rayburn
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Meeting with Greg Adams (Congresswoman Barbara Lee)
Description:

- On 8 Aug 2023, Daszak had a half-hour call with some Gillibrand staffers, Sachin Mathur and Ben Lebowitz. Sen. Kirsten Gilliland (D. NY) was a key player, being the third-ranking Democratic member on the SASC (Senate Armed Services Committee) and on the Senate Intelligence and Agriculture

Committees (mentioned below as being 'of relevance'). Daszak had activated her support right back in 2021.

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from: Tue 08 Aug 2023 10:00 **to:** Tue 08 Aug 2023 10:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: jacob_merryman@gillibrand.senate.gov; sachin_mathur@gillibrand.senate.gov; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; porter@kylehousegroup.com; j_sturchio@msn.com; ben_lebowitz@gillibrand.senate.gov
organizer: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Summary: Virtual Meeting with Peter Daszak (Ecohealth Alliance) and Senator Gillibrand Staff
Description:
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Meeting host: porter@kylehousegroup.com
Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82783734615

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from: Tue 08 Aug 2023 10:00 **to:** Tue 08 Aug 2023 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Briefer for Meeting with Gillibrand Staffers (today)
Description:
Talking Points

- Provide brief overview of EHA
  - EHA's areas of focus
  - Historic and current research and programming partnerships with USG
  - Focus on EHA work with DoD/DTRA
  - EHA presence in NY
- Short summary of Republican efforts to defund EHA
- Discuss provisions in Senate and House NDAA bills prohibiting DoD funding for EHA, and strategies to remove/dilute this language.
- Alert Sachin and Ben to EHA engagement efforts with HASC Ranking Member Adam Smith and his staff.
- Ask Sachin and Ben to connect EHA with relevant SASC Democratic Committee staff.
- Discuss idea of having DoD/DTRA provide a briefing to SASC/HASC staff on programs that would be impacted by NDAA provisions.

Background Points

- Sachin Mathur is Senator Gillibrand's foreign policy and defense issues legislative assistant, and Ben Lebowitz is a legislative aide who covers the same portfolio.
- This meeting is in follow up to our most recent meeting with Jake Merryman on the Senator's staff, where we began discussions of how the EHA funding prohibition language could be removed in the NDAA conference.

- Senator Gillibrand is the third ranking Democratic member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and she serves as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, where Senator Joni Ernst serves as the Ranking Member.
- Of relevance, Senator Gillibrand also serves on the Senate Intelligence and Agriculture Committees and has been a strong champion on One Health issues.

- In Sep 2023, Daszak was confident that 'More and more likely that EHA-specific legislation will not pass', while still cultivating his contacts with NY representatives (House) and senators, including Gillibrand:

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from: Wed 20 Sep 2023 16:00 **to:** Wed 20 Sep 2023 17:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for Public Affairs call
Description:

1. **Press**
    a. Lack of negative stories
        i. Most stories are just anti science hit pieces – no new info
        ii. Narrow group of people continue to beat the same drum, most of the world has moved on
    b. Restarting outreach to science journalists about publications
        i. Proceedings B, AI modeling paper
        ii. List of science journalists who've covered EHA in the past
    c. Covid documentary

2. **Political situation**
    a. E&C committee calling for testimony
        i. PD to conduct mock interviews with JLS/PDel
        ii. Most likely time for a hearing is Q1 2024
        iii. Gov't shutdown will delay all action related to EHA on fed. level
    b. Collaboration with political consultants
        i. In touch with NY reps and senators (particularly K. Gillibrand office)
        ii. Developed 2-pg summary of key EHA projects funded by fed. $
        iii. NDAA will likely pass – amendments unlikely to make an impact
        iv. More and more likely that EHA-specific legislation will not pass

3. **Legal situation**

4. **Agency-specific issues**
    a. NIH
    b. USAID

- As Daszak expected, **Sen. Ernst's defunding amendment for the NDAA 2023 was indeed successfully repulsed,** but she still secured a review of Pentagon projects involving pathogens of pandemic potential around the world.

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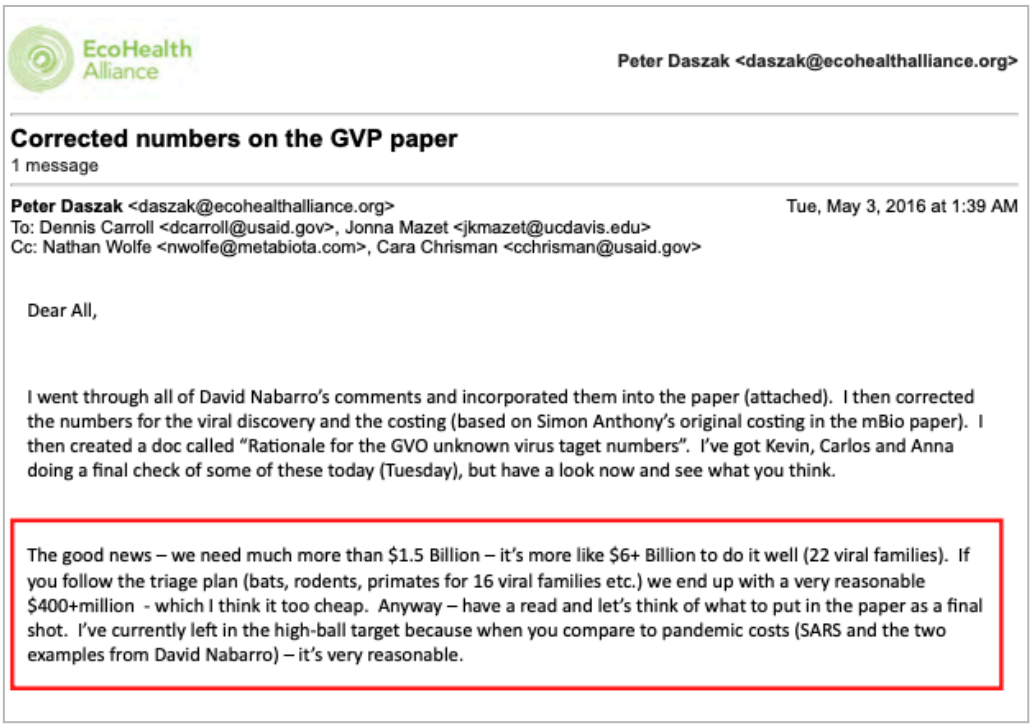
- Eventually, Sen. Ernst's defunding amendment made it into the NDAA in December 2024 as the FORTIFY U.S. Research Act, 3 years after Congressman Reschenthaler started the assault with H.R. 591.
- In early January 2025, during the Senate's confirmation of the new CIA director (John Ratcliffe), Sen. Gillibrand expressed her concerns that the origin question had never been resolved (see https://x.com/emilyakopp/status/1879575848937799833).

8. GVP (USAID Global Virome Project)

- An essential document is Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf in '16.a All Documents re. COVID-19'.
  - That document has many details about the genesis of the GVP, the expected role of China, the contacts with the State Department, and more that was never released.
  - I extracted some of the main pieces in GD_Extracts.
    - Beijing 2017 September Meeting Summary for US Embassy_20170907.pdf - Summary of the 2017 GVP behind-closed-doors meeting in Beijing (https://drive.proton.me/urls/SGG68EW36G#JJOMnMhtTIb7 [keep link])
    - BeijingAgenda_20170126.pdf, agenda of the 2017 GVP behind-closed-doors meeting in Beijing (https://drive.proton.me/urls/03SAHMBANM#lkhEGXdTwiXC [keep link])
    - Bellagio_Docs_20160805.pdf, details and agenda of the GVP Bellagio meeting of 2016, where the GVP was hatched (https://drive.proton.me/urls/YQG3WHGJ58#h4NNLuwi4m5S [keep link]).
      - Worth noting: the GVP protagonists invited Tedros (then health minister of Ethiopia) 5 weeks before the official list of WHO candidates was published. No other WHO candidate was invited.
    - GVP_Launch_Article_In_Science.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/FQK5CC0J8C#8Z1pCwxwENak [keep link]) an important document in itself. Details the process of the publication in Science (as a Policy Forum communication) of what was supposed to be the official announcement of the GVp.
      - The initial submission was made in June 2016, in time for the Bellagio event. Peter suggested 2 peer-reviewers who actually were soon directly linked to the GVP (on the leadership organigram): George Gao and Ian Lipkin,
      - The peer review did not go as planned. The 2nd peer-reviewer considered the whole thing a pie-in-the sky.
      - Further changes had to be made, but the 2nd peer-reviewer simply refused to review the new draft. A replacement for that second peer-reviewer had to be found, before the piece was eventually published in February 2018.
      - An email from May 2016 shows how opportunistic Daszak was with regard to the funding expected:



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Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>

Corrected numbers on the GVP paper

1 message

Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Tue, May 3, 2016 at 1:39 AM
To: Dennis Carroll <dcarroll@usaid.gov>, Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>
Cc: Nathan Wolfe <nwolfe@metabiota.com>, Cara Chrisman <cchrisman@usaid.gov>

Dear All,

I went through all of David Nabarro's comments and incorporated them into the paper (attached). I then corrected the numbers for the viral discovery and the costing (based on Simon Anthony's original costing in the mBio paper). I then created a doc called "Rationale for the GVO unknown virus taget numbers". I've got Kevin, Carlos and Anna doing a final check of some of these today (Tuesday), but have a look now and see what you think.

The good news – we need much more than $1.5 Billion – it's more like $6+ Billion to do it well (22 viral families). If you follow the triage plan (bats, rodents, primates for 16 viral families etc.) we end up with a very reasonable $400+million - which I think it too cheap. Anyway – have a read and let's think of what to put in the paper as a final shot. I've currently left in the high-ball target because when you compare to pandemic costs (SARS and the two examples from David Nabarro) – it's very reasonable.

- Another email, written on the train to go and visit DARPA with Zhengli in June 2017 to help shape up the coming PREEMPT proposal (which Daszak will then answer with DEFUSE), discusses the Science review of the GVP piece, and reaching out to the UK for GVP support via Bryan Grenfell (trustee of the Wellcome Trust, call in the evening mentioned in calendar items) and contacts given by Sally Davies (then UK Chief Medical Officer, whom Daszak had recently met at a Forum on Microbial Threats on 20 June as per calendar items).

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GVP - London Names and Science paper

2 messages

Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 11:10 AM
To: Cara Chrisman <cchrisman@usaid.gov>, "Dennis Carroll (DCarroll@usaid.gov)" <DCarroll@usaid.gov>
Cc: Brooke Watson <watson@ecohealthalliance.org>

Cara, Dennis – apologies – I'm on a train to DC with Zhengli Shi and Peng Zhao from the Wuhan Institute of Virology. We're meeting with DARPA today (I'll be sure to mention the GVP) and with NIAID tomorrow morning (likewise!).

I left my black book with the notes from Sally Davies at home, so I can't send you the names until I get back – Thursday night. I'll do that and cc you, Eddie, and Ron.

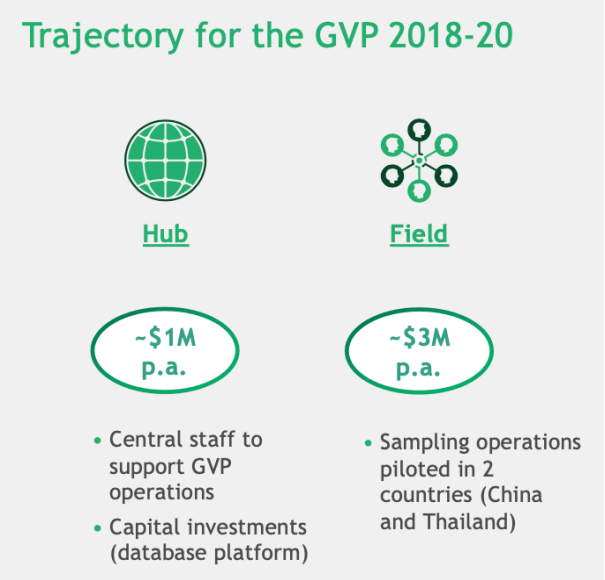
I will be able to call into the GVP call at 1pm….have an update on the paper that's positive – it's not accepted yet, but reviewer 1 is now happy, and reviewer 2 requires some further changes….all do-able.

I will email Bryan Grenfell tonight and introduce him to the GVP – he's a Trustee of Wellcome Trust.

- GVP Outreach Update_20170202.pdf (Feb 2017, https://drive.proton.me/urls/V787QMSKT0#ncQawR4N4aRn [keep link]) details all the outreach initiatives so far. It is marked NOT FOR ONWARD DISTRIBUTION.\
- GD_Extracts has many versions of the GVP pitch deck
  - One version (GVP_Indonesia_20170924.pdf, https://drive.proton.me/urls/M5FXK33JZG#Wusy4P4PCQqG [keep link]) mentions the detection of lab-modified viruses (something that DRASTIC disclosed back in April 2023).

We are not prepared for the Next Pandemic
There is a growing global threat posed by both the natural emergence of novel viruses and the accidental &/or intentional release of laboratory modified biological agents
2001 Anthrax attack
HIV, SARS, H1N1 Influenza, MERS, Ebola, Zika
These dual threats are outpacing our ability to develop effective and timely countermeasures
There is an urgent need to be able to prepare our responses in ADVANCE of any future threats – natural and Lab enhanced
GLOBAL PROJECT

- Some versions include the details of the intended GVP organization chart. Example: GVP Pitch Deck combined 20170202.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/7S7PNHAMEM#hMNdF9rAZitS [keep link])
- One deck was clearly done with the Boston Consulting Group (hired to help set up the GVP). It includes interesting elements of the expected structure and the incubation role of the Chinese and Thai National Virome projects starting Q1 2019: GVP_INSERM_20180831.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/4TYWZ5BCPC#aN8UP4SUkSpo [keep link]). See also the 05 Thailand National Virome Project_Draft Agenda_20180927.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/PF2Y234R0W#tTxRKLc5Awoz [keep link]).


Trajectory for the GVP 2018-20
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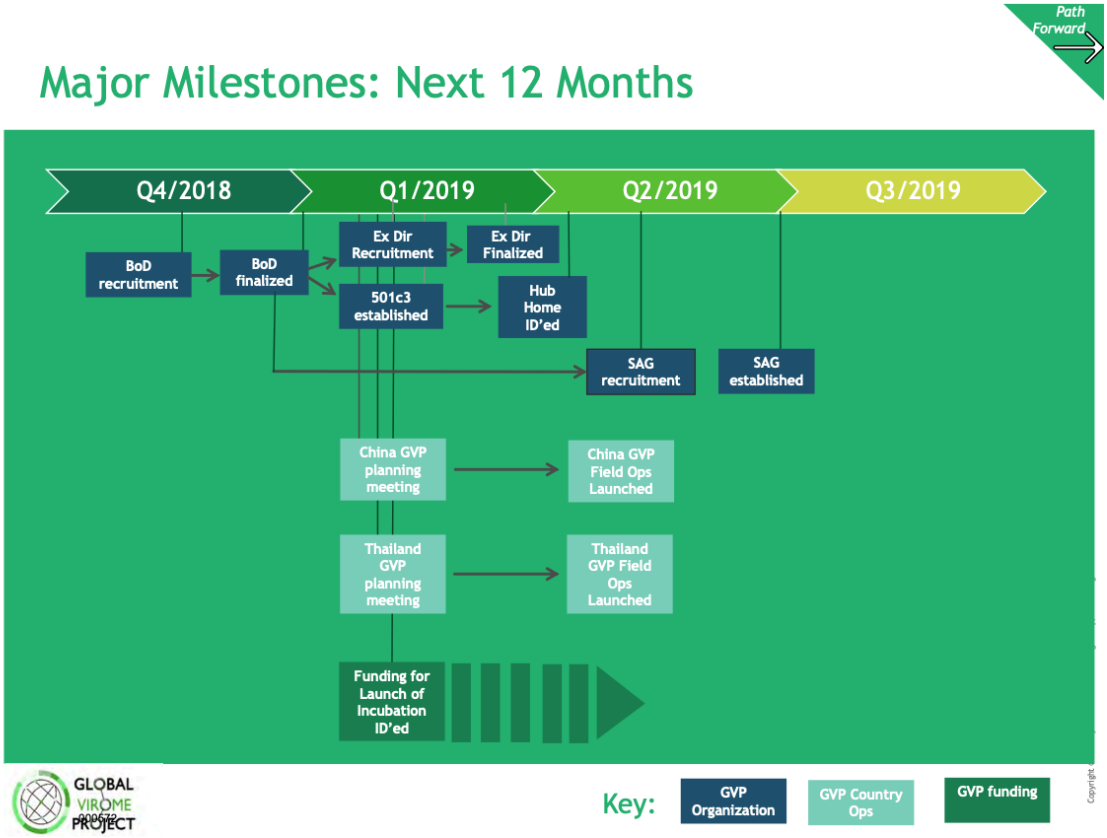
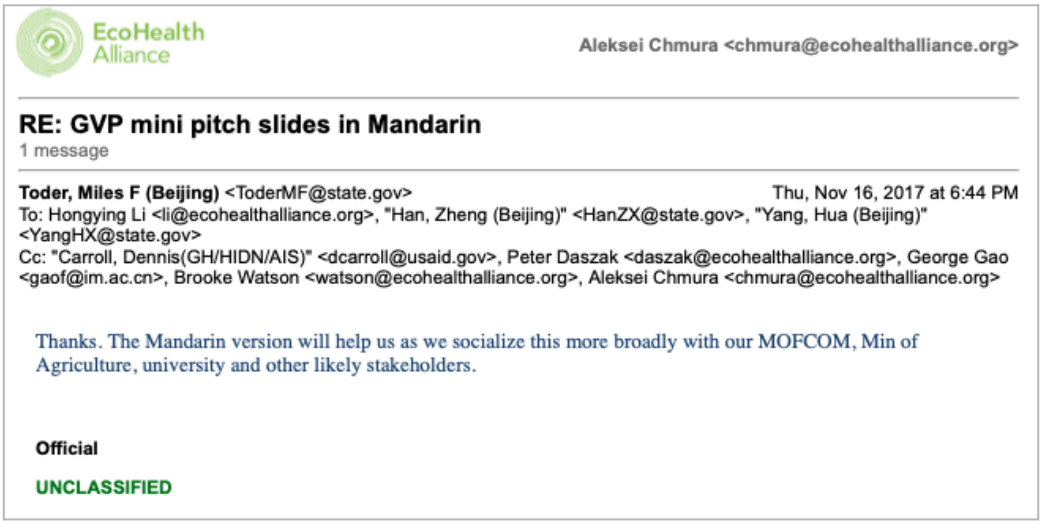
Field
~$1M p.a.
~$3M p.a.
• Central staff to support GVP operations
• Capital investments (database platform)
• Sampling operations piloted in 2 countries (China and Thailand)



- Another important folder is 'DoS NOT TO SHARE' under '05 Communications DoS'. I merged all the small files there under one big file: GD_DoS_Merged.pdf.
    - That folder documents exchanges with the State Department where EHA trips to China and the efforts to get the State Department (DoS) to support the GVP are covered, via its connections with MOFCOM (Chinese Ministry of Commerce), the Ministry of Agriculture, and other likely Chinese government stakeholders (GD_DoS_Merged.pdf, p.100). The larger game plan was to get the DoS to wrap the GVP and PREDICT-2 into its portfolio with MOFCOM (GD_DoS_Merged.pdf, p.2),



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Aleksei Chmura <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>

RE: GVP mini pitch slides in Mandarin

1 message

Toder, Miles F (Beijing) <ToderMF@state.gov> Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 6:44 PM
To: Hongying Li <li@ecohealthalliance.org>, "Han, Zheng (Beijing)" <HanZX@state.gov>, "Yang, Hua (Beijing)" <YangHX@state.gov>
Cc: "Carroll, Dennis(GH/HIDN/AIS)" <dcarroll@usaid.gov>, Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>, George Gao <gaof@im.ac.cn>, Brooke Watson <watson@ecohealthalliance.org>, Aleksei Chmura <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>

Thanks. The Mandarin version will help us as we socialize this more broadly with our MOFCOM, Min of Agriculture, university and other likely stakeholders.

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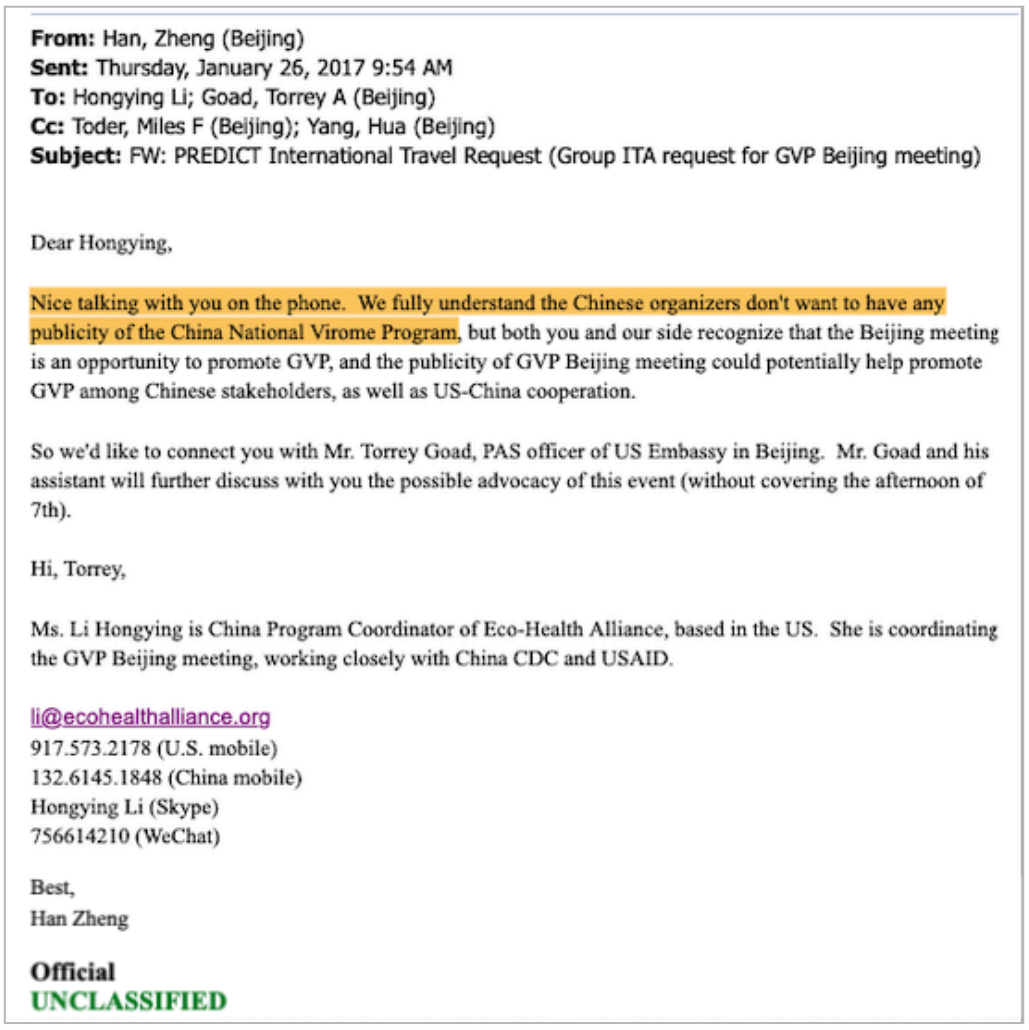
    - We learn for example that the Chinese side did not want any publicity about the GVP (GD_DoS_Merged.pdf, p. 124-125). [note: Gao was running into trouble with the Chinese Academy.]



From: Han, Zheng (Beijing)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Hongying Li; Goad, Torrey A (Beijing)
Cc: Toder, Miles F (Beijing); Yang, Hua (Beijing)
Subject: FW: PREDICT International Travel Request (Group ITA request for GVP Beijing meeting)

Dear Hongying,

Nice talking with you on the phone. We fully understand the Chinese organizers don't want to have any publicity of the China National Virome Program, but both you and our side recognize that the Beijing meeting is an opportunity to promote GVP, and the publicity of GVP Beijing meeting could potentially help promote GVP among Chinese stakeholders, as well as US-China cooperation.

So we'd like to connect you with Mr. Torrey Goad, PAS officer of US Embassy in Beijing. Mr. Goad and his assistant will further discuss with you the possible advocacy of this event (without covering the afternoon of 7th).

Hi, Torrey,

Ms. Li Hongying is China Program Coordinator of Eco-Health Alliance, based in the US. She is coordinating the GVP Beijing meeting, working closely with China CDC and USAID.

li@ecohealthalliance.org
917.573.2178 (U.S. mobile)
132.6145.1848 (China mobile)
Hongying Li (Skype)
756614210 (WeChat)

Best,
Han Zheng

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- We also learn that the Chinese side was visibly not keen on an NGO structure (for the GVP hub), an aspect that was intentionally dropped from the Mandarin version of the EHA GVP pitch in Beijing (GD_DoS_Merged.pdf, p.30).

- NIAID CoV Partner Meetings All Documents.pdf, p.24, has a mention of an update on the Global Virome Project (GVP) *'to learn what China is thinking and doing on zoonotic diseases and getting ahead of future pandemics and its new relationship with the BRI. (Dennis Carroll, George Fu, Peter Daszak, Zhengli Shi, Guangjian Zhu, Brooke Watson, Hongying Li)'*
- From a calendar event on 19 May 201, there is a nice confirmation of the expectation that GVP would allow for 10 years of USAID funding after PREDICT ends (2019):

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from: Thu 19 May 2016 10:30 **to:** Thu 19 May 2016 11:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: ALL STAFF Meeting
Description:
All Staff Meeting – May 2016

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Need to keep writing Federal Grants

- DTRA final year accepted ending in March 2017
- EcoHealth NET award received student program with internships and 3 workshops (over 5 years) will begin August 1st. Applications will be open in November for internships to begin summer 2017. The first workshop will be summer 2017, location TBD.
- Be alert of any potential grant opportunities, as PREDICT ends in 3 years

GVP

- Dennis Carroll's idea for funding after PREDICT ends
- EHA Special Events
- June 3rd DC event with USAID - The Global Virome Project
- June 20th in NYC at the New York Academy of Sciences with USAID - The Global Virome Project

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9. EHA: Funding Initiatives

9.1. Foundations

- Proper efforts on foundations and family offices started in 2016-2017, with the Rockefeller, Paul Allen and Gordon & Betty Moore foundations.
- 2018 saw a more systematised approach as the strategy was refined. Welcome Trust, NatGeo, Carnegie, were approached that year.
- 2019: Kann-Rasmussen (KR, Denmark), Packard, Praesens (Belgium),
- 2020: Mars (with some action on 90-year-old 'Ginnie' Mars), Ford, Gates, Packard, Wallace, Eleanor Crook, Royal
- After the NIH grant suspension in April 2020, the effort was renewed given the urgent need to diversify revenues towards non-governmental, noncontingent sources.
- By 2023, about 20% of EHA funding was coming from foundations and 80% from the government (with DTRA providing a very large chunk).
- With the help of a communication/fund-raising consultant and EHA board member (Ben Plumley - Hunuvat), a lot of pressure was being put on board members to open doors for donors and foundations. The utility of board members was for all purposes to open doors and provide financial and political support. They were properly milked:

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from: Thu 24 Aug 2023 14:00 **to:** Thu 24 Aug 2023 15:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes from All Staff Meeting
Description:
Notes from Exec:
For Board Retreat Special Session with Executive Team and Science Staff

- Tell/remind Board how we build partnerships from data collection to on-the-ground impact at a community level and policy work. How we make negotiations for funding we get and types of partnerships.
- Have breakout groups of the Board and ask them:
  - What organizations do you know who have had funding on climate change?
  - What other boards are you on and where are they getting their money from? Can EHA have contacts or doors opened for contacts?
  - Whom they know in the data field(s)
  - What Foundations and Boards and private (pharma) industry people do they know to help us?
- One group to talk about New Board Members for board diversification
  - Types of funding
  - Sectors
  - Expertise and connections
  - Other types of diversification?
- One group to talk about foundations
- One group to talk about individual and corporate contacts

- One hour for discussion/meeting
- Agenda details TBD
- List of Board Members from big funders/foundations/donors and share with our Board to see if they know anyone.
  - Recommendation to share full list of foundations and non-federal funders

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9.2. Corporate Social Responsibility plans:

As per calendar items:

- In Aug 2017, EcoHealth Alliance brought Holly Hogener to its board to develop funding via the Corporate Social Responsibility plans of large companies.
- CSR projects soon followed, with various prospects:
  - Unilever (~Jan 2018)
  - Johnson & Johnson (~Apr 2019, converted)
  - Goldman Sachs (~Jan 2020)
  - Mars Inc. (~Mars 2020, converted)
  - Bayer (~Apr 2020)
  - II-VI (now Coherent, ~Apr 2020))
- The pitch for II-VI, presented in June 2020, is given in one of Daszak's calendar items. It was made of two components:

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from: Mon 22 Jun 2020 11:15 **to:** Mon 22 Jun 2020 11:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: Pitch for II VI call
Description:
Corporate Social Responsibility Pitch for II-VI

Component 1: Access to EcoHealth Alliance scientists
Dr. Peter Daszak and one other senior scientist (see biographies below) will visit the II-VI team in a geography of their choosing (i.e. Malaysia, Singapore, China) once a year for a workshop focused on pandemic prevention strategies.

Component 2: Supporting EcoHealth Alliance's pandemic risk reduction programs

A. Research
   a. Identifying optimal areas for development or reforestation to maximize health benefits and minimize pandemic risk.
B. Local capacity building
   a. Laboratory: Working with in-country government agencies, laboratories, universities and organizations to strengthen laboratory capacity to detect and prevent outbreaks.
   b. Workforce: Training individuals in viral prevention, detection and surveillance techniques.
C. Behavioral change mitigation
   a. Working with at-risk communities to implement behavioral mitigation strategies and educate individuals on high-risk behaviors that can result in the spillover of viral pathogens from animals to humans.
D. Policy outreach
   a. .Building a coalition of government agencies, organizations, communities and private sector partners that support a One Health approach to pandemic prevention and will work to strengthen laws and enforcement around high-pandemic-risk activities such as illegal wildlife trade and deforestation.

Potential geographies: Southeast Asia, South Asia, West Africa, Central Africa, Latin America
We propose a CSR package that combines a few of the aforementioned activities in a particular geography for $100-200K/year for a period of 3-5 years.

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10. EHA: Funding situation

- In 2021:
  - Importance of DTRA (from President's Update, Feb 2021 Board Meeting, slides 13 and 14).

DTRA Funding
1. Liberia – Awarded
2. Tanzania – Awarded
3. Jordan – Awarded
4. India - Awarded
5. S. Africa (U Pretoria) – Awarded
6. Machine Learning – Awarded/Negotiating Budget
7. Guinea – Abstract Submitted
8. Philippines – Abstract Submitted
9. Iraq x 2 – Concept Notes Submitted
10. Kazakhstan – to re-bid
11. Kenya – Early development
12. Philippines – Early development
13. Uganda – Early development
14. Malaysia 2 and WAB-Net 2 – Early development
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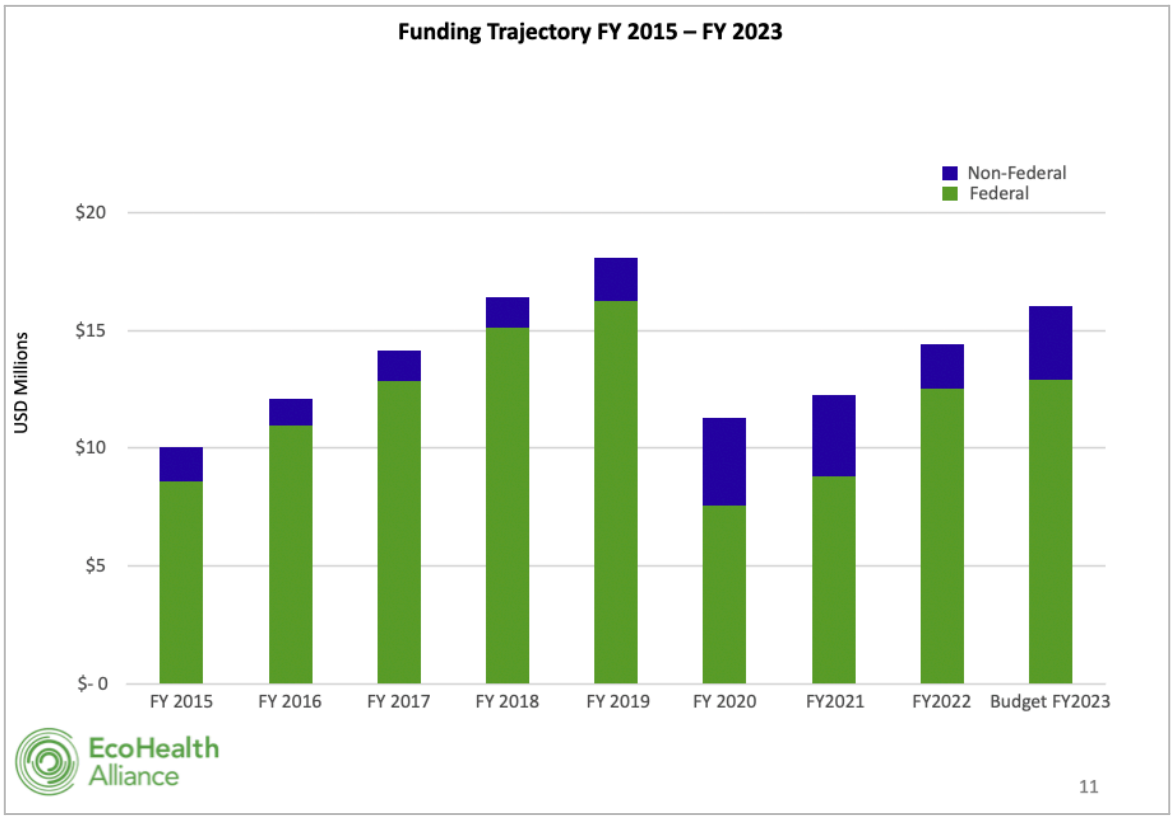
  - Proposals in FY'20 and FY'21 (President's Update Feb 2021 Board Meeting v10.key, slides 14):
    - Not Awarded
    - Pending Funder Notification
    - Awarded
    - Pending Submission

Funder	Amount	Funder	Amount
Belmont Forum	$ 1,752,000	Plague in DRC - NIH	$ 2,500,000
EIDRC Neidl	$ 500,000	Smith-Richardson Foundation	$ 130,000
EIDRC West Africa	$ 6,000,000	Swiss RE	$ 50,000
EPA	$ 750,000	The Eleanor Crook Foundation	$ 60,000
Facebook (in-kind)	$ 10,000	The MARS Foundation	$ 20,000
PREDICT Extension	$ 1,700,000	USAID P2 Extension	$ 364,724
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	$ 10,000	World Bank	$ 12,000
CNH/NSF	$ 1,500,000	DTRA ML	$ 500,000
DTRA Kazahkstan	$ 5,000,000	FAO	$ 40,000
NSF EEID ASU	$ 100,000	ICAP Eswatini	$ 57,000
Berkeley/Sloan	$ 304,000	DTRA Borneo (2)	$ 10,000,000
CHILL- USAID	$ 12,000,000	IPBES	$ 28,000
DTRA Guinea	$ 5,000,000	IUCN	$ 49,000
DTRA Iraq	$ 5,000,000	IUCN Indo Burma Hotspot	$ 186,000
Conservation Food & Health	$ 25,000	Judith McBean	$ 15,000
DHS REPEL	$ 566,274	Leo Model Equids	$ 35,000
DoD GHERI AFRICOM	$ 604,000	Merck	$ 50,000

DoD GHERI EUCOM	$ 705,000	MS/GEOBON	$ 8,000
USAID STOP Spillover	$ 5,000,000	Novartis	$ 50,000
DTRA India	$ 4,500,000	NIAID Nipah Bangladesh	$ 2,761,694
DTRA Jordan	$ 5,000,000	NIH/NIAID COV LPDR/VN/MYR	$ 3,400,000
DTRA Liberia	$ 5,000,000	NYS DOH COVID-19	$ 217,000
DTRA Philippines	$ 5,000,000	Reckitt-Benckiser	$ 50,000
DTRA REPEL	$ 500,000	Samuel Freeman Trust	$ 111,000
DTRA Tanzania	$ 3,750,000	Thye Fnd/Equids	$ 32,000
DTRA South Africa	$ 1,616,289	UK-DEFRA/APHA	$ 120,000
Dutch Post Code Lottery	$ 500,000	WHO	$ 181,500
EID-SEARCH	$ 7,530,000	USAID DEEP VZN*	$ 25,000,000
National Geographic Society	$ 40,000	USAID HEARTH	$ 3,000,000
NIAID SE Asia Coronavirus	$ 2,500,000	Natracare/CSR	$ 20,000
NIH Bangladesh	$ 2,500,000	LUI Che Woo Prize BR in SE Asia	$ 2,560,000
NSF EEID SADS	$ 2,500,000	German Int'l Climate Initative	$ 2,700,000
OHW-NG USAID	$ 5,000,000	World Bank Bangladesh Forest	$ 200,000
OLAM	$ 50,000	Sloan BOHRN 2.0	$ 250,000
Packard Foundation	$ 100,000	Asia Pacific Risk Assessment	$ 90,000

- **In Feb 2023:** Recovery to pre-COVID-19 funding levels, largely thanks to DTRA grants. EHA revenues were actually ahead by $5 mln on its 2021-2023 strategic plan (actual $42mln vs. $37 mln in the plan). EHA was also looking at more funding from NSF (National Science Foundation).
(from President's Update, Feb 2023, slides 12, 62, 18, and 61)



FY21 - FY23 Strategic Plan Performance

	Approved Plan	Actuals	Variance
REVENUES	**FY21 - FY23**	**FY21 - FY23**	**FY21 - FY23**
General Revenue	8,213,065	11,344,815	3,131,750
Program Revenue	28,736,236	30,738,824	2,002,588
TOTAL REVENUES	**36,949,302**	**42,083,640**	**5,134,338**
EXPENSES	**FY21 - FY23**	**FY21 - FY23**	**FY21 - FY23**
Core Programs	28,352,283	32,284,243	3,931,961
Total Administration	6,822,088	8,002,192	1,180,105
Board	115,000	34,342	(80,658)
Total Development	1,818,288	1,366,567	(451,721)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**37,107,658**	**41,687,344**	**4,579,687**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(158,356)**	**396,295**	**554,651**

DTRA Funding

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8. Philippines – Awarded

9. WAB-Net 2 – Proposal Submitted
10. Malaysia 2 - Draft
11. Kenya – Early development
12. Uganda – Early development

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- Increase funding from single Federal agencies, but anticipate and prepare for shifts in funding landscape: Growing DTRA funding now, building out for next generation of USAID; expanding NIH awards; and other sources
- Corporate funding has grown in FY18-20, expand further
- Gaining traction with Foundation funding – continue to strengthen relationships & expand
- Maintaining Major Donor momentum

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11. EHA: NIH R01 grant

- P2 2016 Year 3 had a 10% cost share whereby Zhengli, Ben Hu and Yang (?) would sample likely on their own in Yunnan and Guangdong, and send the samples to the WIV (see contract under section 4.3.2).
- The draft version of the R01 renewal has interesting wording that is not in the FOI'd document. See https://drive.proton.me/urls/PNYKJ7EQRW#J4zBfEFwPwU7 (p.11) [keep link].
  - It shows that markets were perceived as lesser risk.
  - Also, geographical focus on Southern China.
  - Explain 20% divergence as 5-10% divergence means already covered by SARS Mabs and vaccines.
- The renewal scored high, 3rd centile, impact score of 20 (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.297).
- On renewal, backdating of the new grant start to the end of the previous one, with the well-understood need to send the year 5 report (last year of previous grant). Daszak explained that on 18 Sep 2029 (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.301).
- Feedback from one reviewer: spillover is rare and it's going to be hard to identify enough people with CoV exposure to have meaningful results from the human surveillance/behavior study (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.302).
- Baric on 4 Nov 2018 to Alexei and Peter (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.3,446):
  My comments. Make sure WuHan is not planning any work with wildtype SARS-CoV, otherwise, their facility will have to be registered as a select agent facilty by the US government. Likely a problem. Amy, any of this wrong? Ralph
- Baric is the one who suggested the language for the R01, that was aimed to contain any possible GoF work, and which the WIV later ignored (DARPA Emails.pdf, p 4634, p.2925 (Daszak's initial draft) vs. p.2928 (with Baric's input))
  Wed, Jun 8, 2016 at 4:02 PM
  One of the most important sentences to include is this: Should any of these recombinants show evidence of enhanced virus growth >1 log in cells expressing the human, bat, mouse or civet ACE2 (or DPP4) receptor over wildtype parental backbone SARS-CoV (or MERS-CoV) strain or grow more efficiently in primary human airway epithelial cells (HAE)(you likely don't have this, will have to use some cell line), we will immediately: i) stop all experiments with the mutant, ii) inform program and the UNC IBC of these results and iii) participate in decision making trees to decide appropriate paths forward.

12. EHA: Problems with the $5 mln USAID Liberia grant

- Huge grant: Conservation Works (CW), Oct 2021 - Oct 2022
  - The largest USAID 5-Y grant awarded by USAID to EHA. A way to keep the money flowing by redirecting it to a big one-ticket conservation project in Africa.
  - That grant had been flagged by Congress in February 2022 in a letter (Reschenthaler_USAID_EcoHealth 020722.pdf) signed by 26 members of Congress, and USAID just brushed off these concerns.
  - See USAID_IgnoreCongress_20220209.pdf (https://drive.proton.me/urls/MMM6R7A3DG#M0V0GUFw89LU [keep link]), part of Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf (p.1079-1085)

Reschenthaler_USAID_EcoHealth 020722.pdf
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John Pasch <jpasch@usaid.gov> Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 4:16 PM
To: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Cc: Aleksei Chmura <chmura@ecohealthalliance.org>, Garth Patterson <gpatterson@usaid.gov>, Jim Desmond <[redacted]>, Tara Hoda <hoda@ecohealthalliance.org>, jchalphin@usaid.gov, [redacted]

Hi Peter,

Thank you. We have indeed received the letter from select Members of Congress regarding the Conservation Works activity. The Administrator's office is preparing an appropriate response.

We're very pleased to have the work plan and MEL plan for Conservation Works nearly final. We are very much looking forward to working with the whole team to achieve the goals of this important project.

All the best,
John

- Calendar entry on 17 May 2023 shows that:
  - Partner is FFI (Fauna & Flora International), 7 month delay in grant progress already by May 2023 (year 2). Some issue with 'land formalisation' explains the delay (formalisation of land ownership around protected areas).
- It's a complex conservation project
  - Very slow invoicing despite having the biggest budget of any partner in that grant. Also, many errors in invoicing and no documented rates for 2023.

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from: Wed 17 May 2023 07:30 **to:** Wed 17 May 2023 08:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for call with FFI - Conservation Works partner
Description:
FFI is good at:

- Organizing and hosting meetings amongst key government partners/stakeholders that are key to the PA establishment process. They have existing relationships with these folks that are priceless.
- Supporting biomonitoring in Sapo and conducting biodiversity assessments in the new PPAs.
- Hosted a Land Dialogue and Park Neighbor Policy Workshop with great outcomes (each ended with a resolution signed by all attendees committing to improved forest management and other good stuff).
- Ongoing management of Sapo National Park - announced today that they have supported the peaceful removal of 24 camps worth of illegal miners in Sapo. This is a HUGE success. They also still support law enforcement patrols.

Other notes:

- We recognize we had a 7-month delay in beginning activities. We are now in month 7 of Y2.
- After the 7-month delay, all partners had the opportunity to revise and shift their work plans and timelines to adapt to the delay.
- Since then, we have had to continually push the timeline of activities forward. While some of these are justifiable, others are simply because no action was taken within the quarter to find/engage a consultant.
- The activities that FFI has done, they have done well. In an effort to take some burden off of the team, we plan to sub out certain activities on which movement has not been made.
- We understand the team in Liberia is overwhelmed, but FFI's role on this project is that which all other activities are dependent. If the land formalization is delayed, many other activities are delayed.
- Mention slow spending. Year 1 contract is still open. FFI has biggest planned budget and is slowest to invoice. Year 1 Total: ~$1.5 million. Nothing yet contracted for Y2 until they hit the 75% mark. Total invoiced all-years-to-date: ~$400k. About $170k in invoices being worked through this week. Each invoicing cycle takes FFI months to fix repeated errors. No work in calendar year 2023 has been invoiced. FFI's NICRA expired in Dec 2022. They have been notified that if they do not provide documented 2023 rate (or provisional rate), their IDC will drop to the USAID 10% de minimis. SLOW invoicing with Large Sums delays EHA review and slows cash flow for ALL partners. FFI agreed in March to address invoicing issues and have hired someone to help with this starting next month.
- It is important to show up to calls and submit things in a timely manner (meet deadlines).
- When an email is sent, we often do not receive a response for weeks. We always have to follow-up multiple times.
- Weekly updates are often late. This is why we are requesting weekly check-in calls. With over a million dollar budget, to have a weekly call is nothing - Peter to speak about his experience with other projects and multiple weekly calls being acceptable/expected for a project of this size.
- In Year 3, we are going to restrict FFI's work to focusing on PA creation as this is one of two main goals USAID has expressed. We need to focus on the PPAs.

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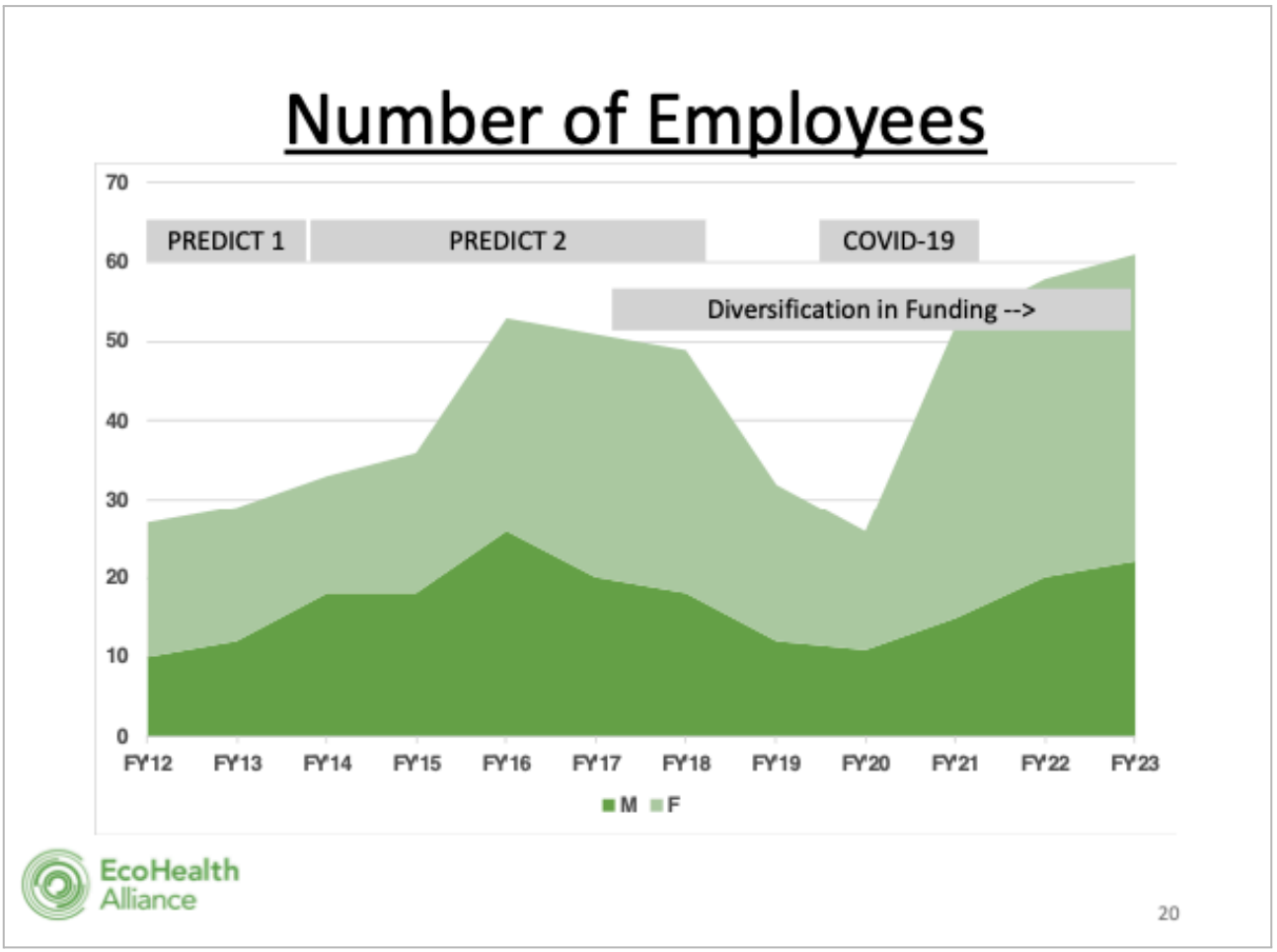
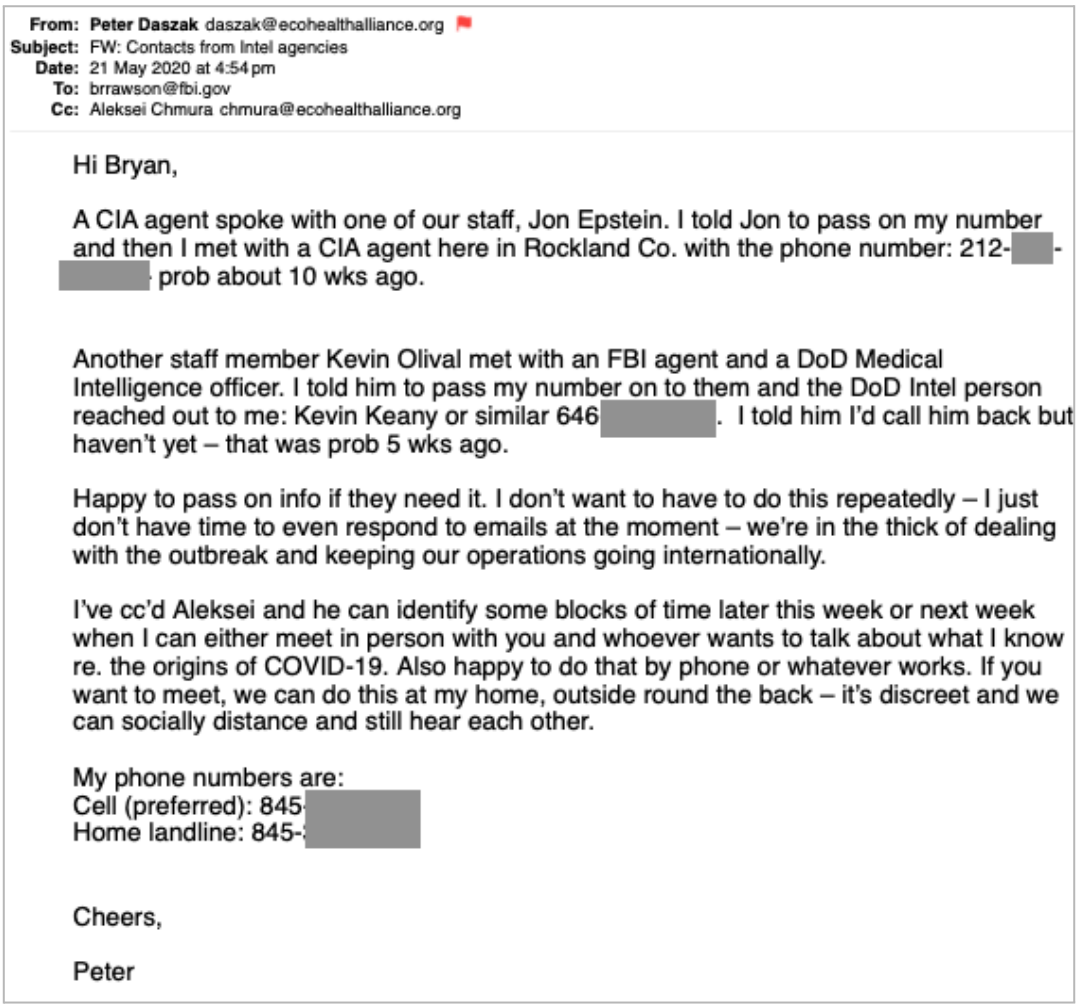
13. EHA: Headcount Evolution

- The first Trump presidency did see some steady increase in year-to-year funding (see 10: EHA Funding Situation), but with PREDICT-2 maturing and the GVP not taking off, plus some regulatory restrictions biting in China and Southeast Asia (TVPA, Trafficking Victims Protection Act), EHA had to let people go, especially in 2019, as a proper funding gap was by then opening for 2020. The situation was well described by Katherine Eban (see https://archive.ph/xP8Xx).
- From a peak just above 50, total headcount was halved to around 25 in 2020.
- The Trump administration (2017-2022) would bear the brunt of Daszak's anger at such a situation. Trump was blamed for:
    - The non-renewal of PREDICT-2, due to supposedly impressionable administrators unwilling to take risks under Trump.
        - In reality, the grant had run its 10-year course, and Daszak and USAID had long pushed for moving to the next stage with the GVP.
    - The failure of the GVP to take off, again supposedly due to a lack of ambition and care for pandemic prevention under Trump.
        - In reality, the project was overambitious and very expensive, not the most obvious way of spending on pandemic prevention, as Holmes, Rambaut, and Andersen themselves had pointedly argued (a move punished by the torpedoing of the peer-review of Proximal Origin at Nature and then by an 'anonymous' letter to Jon Cohen denouncing the P.O. authors as frauds).
    - Restrictive regulatory measures such as the TVPA, and practical issues caused by government shutdowns (Jan 2018, Dec 2018-Feb 2019).



14. Daszak's contacts with intel

- The reference document is 'FBI Chmura.mbox' in the '06 Communications FBI/Original Files - NOT TO SHARE/FPI' folder. This is a mailbox extract of Daszak's emails, in a mbox format that can be read by any mail client,
- Note that the PDFs in the same folder (such as 'FBI Daszak.pdf') **have the dates offset** - likely due to the way Alexei Chmurna extracted them.
- Daszak met with a CIA agent (at his demand) in March 2020 (see 'Daszal_CIA.pdf'). They seem to have been asking him questions about his research.
- An NMCI agent tried to reach Daszak in April 2020. Daszak promised to call him back but had not done it for 5 weeks by 10 May 2020 (see 'Daszal_CIA.pdf').



From: Peter Daszak daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: FW: Contacts from Intel agencies
Date: 21 May 2020 at 4:54 pm
To: brrawson@fbi.gov
Cc: Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Hi Bryan,

A CIA agent spoke with one of our staff, Jon Epstein. I told Jon to pass on my number and then I met with a CIA agent here in Rockland Co. with the phone number: 212-[redacted] prob about 10 wks ago.

Another staff member Kevin Olival met with an FBI agent and a DoD Medical Intelligence officer. I told him to pass my number on to them and the DoD Intel person reached out to me: Kevin Keany or similar 646[redacted]. I told him I'd call him back but haven't yet – that was prob 5 wks ago.

Happy to pass on info if they need it. I don't want to have to do this repeatedly – I just don't have time to even respond to emails at the moment – we're in the thick of dealing with the outbreak and keeping our operations going internationally.

I've cc'd Aleksei and he can identify some blocks of time later this week or next week when I can either meet in person with you and whoever wants to talk about what I know re. the origins of COVID-19. Also happy to do that by phone or whatever works. If you want to meet, we can do this at my home, outside round the back – it's discreet and we can socially distance and still hear each other.

My phone numbers are:
Cell (preferred): 845[redacted]
Home landline: 845-[redacted]

Cheers,

Peter

- Daszak quickly used his contact point at the FBI (Bryan Rawson, NY) to ask for protection by emphasising perceived threats against him. A long list of calls followed to report blogs, messages, mails, etc. (see FBI Calls List v01.pdf).
    - Special Agent (SA) Bryan R. Rawson was HERT Team Leader, Squad CT-22, New York Field Office.
    - HERT stands for Hazardous Evidence Response Team, or more commonly, Hazardous Evidence Response Team (sometimes called Hazardous Materials Response Team in other contexts). The HERT program responds to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials (CBRN). HERT members are experts in hazardous evidence collection, crime scene management, and the processing of forensic evidence in CBRN crime scenes.
    - CT stands for counterterrorism. Squad CT-22 is a specific squad or group within the New York Field Office's Counterterrorism Division.

- On 21 May 2020, journalist Rowan Jacobsen, Kenyan entrepreneur Aly-Khan Satchu, DRASTIC founders Billy Bostickson and Yuri Deigin, as well as various DRASTIC members such as TheSeeker (one of the mildest and straightest people one may ever meet), Antonio Duarte and Luigi Warren were all reported by Daszak to the FBI, for being *'definitely unpleasant folks, QAnon conspiracists, trolls and bots'*. His email to the FBI included screenshots of his blocked list on Twitter to be used as reference.
  See 'Peter to FBI.pdf'. Some extracts below:

From: **Peter Daszak** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: FW: Reporting concerns re. conspiracy theorists, QAnon etc.
Date: 21 May 2020 at 4:53 pm
To: brrawson@fbi.gov
Cc: Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Apologies Bryan – looks like I sent this to the wrong address previously

I'm cc'ing our Chief-of-Staff, Aleksei Chmura, who will keep this completely confidential,

It was good to talk with you a couple or more weeks back. Apologies for delays – it's been extremely busy the last few weeks, with a lot of pressure on our staff and org.

I'm going to follow up first with the people that have been trolling me personally on Twitter, the internet and other social media platforms. I'm trying not to dig too deep into these accounts. They are definitely unpleasant folks, QAnon conspiracists, trolls and bots, but also some that are becoming threatening. I suspect a little bit of digging and I'll find that my personal details are on the web, and that's what I'd like to avoid. My big concern is that the underlying group that's targeting us is from QAnon, which includes folks who supported the 'Pizzagate' conspiracy theory that did lead to a shooting and further violence. I've attached screenshots of the people I've "blocked" or "muted" on Twitter. Their details are attached as screenshots (I didn't know how to import the twitter addresses) but here are the top few problem people. I've reported some to Twitter, but they're all still on there:

- Harvard2theBighouse: [redacted]
  (https://harvardtothebig
  theories and targeting
- GOD: Racist anti-semit
  exactly how you find th
- Billy Bostickson: This person has attached violent revolutionary literature to tweets that call for violence, threats of violence against people in power. That was in direct response to tweets about me and EcoHealth. Twitter name: @BillyBostickson
- T Mills: This person is [redacted]
  workplace. I don't know
  @agentrevolt

I'd like to find out if these people are involved in:

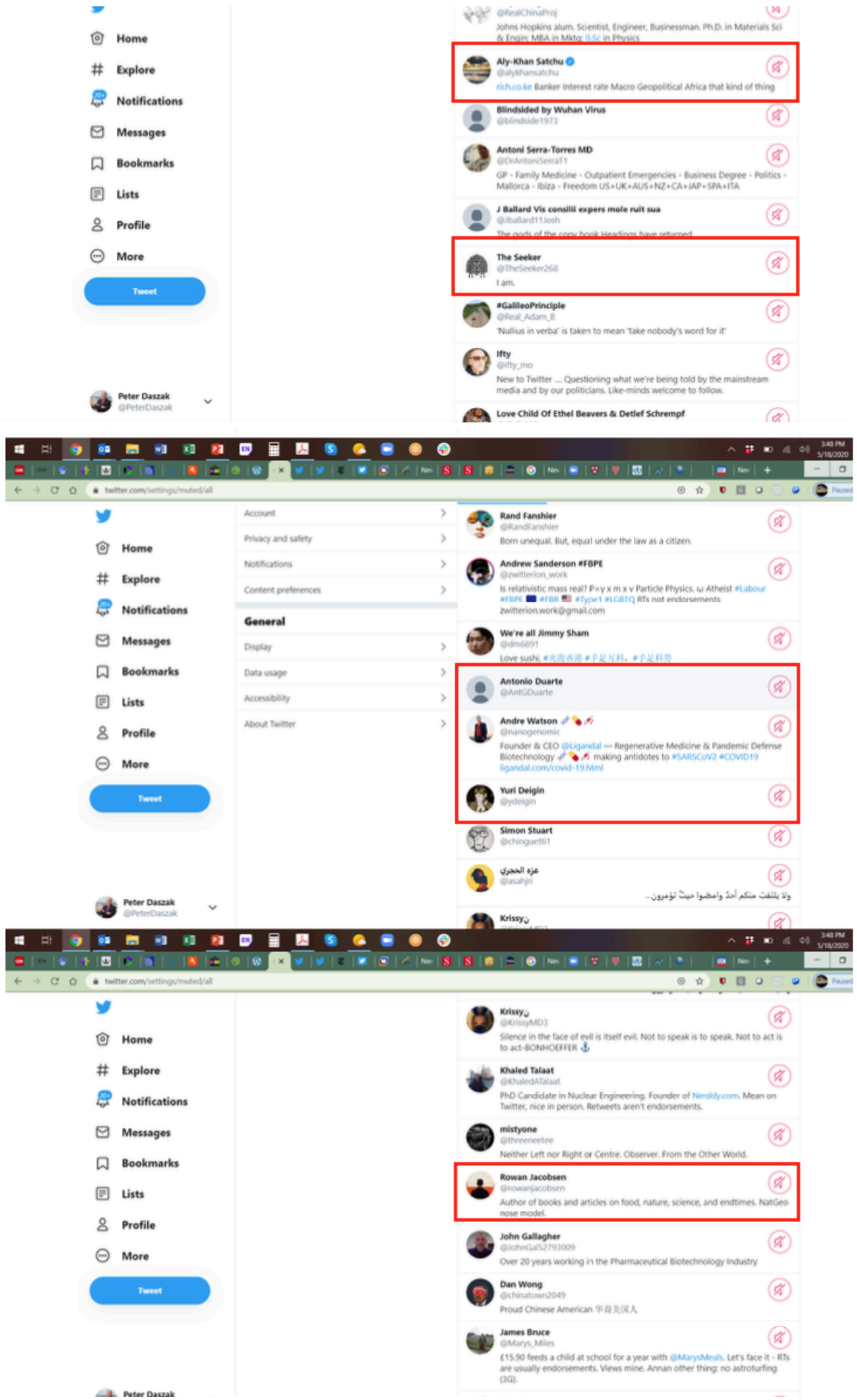
1) serious potential for threats and how I can be protected
2) revealing my home address, like has happened to the US military games cyclist: https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/27/tech/coronavirus-conspiracy-theory/index.html
3) [redacted]
4) Why aren't these people blocked from Twitter and other social media
5) [redacted]

I really appreciate any help you can give. I'll send another email tomorrow morning with the details of the people from the intel agencies who've been in touch and some times to potentially talk.

Cheers,

Peter

Peter Daszak
President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Antoni Serra-Torres MD
@DrAntoniSerraT1
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#GalileoPrinciple
@Real_Adam_B
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New to Twitter ... Questioning what we're being told by the mainstream media and by our politicians. Like-minds welcome to follow.
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John Gallagher
@JohnGal52793009
Over 20 years working in the Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Industry
Dan Wong
@chinatown2049
James Bruce
@Marys_Miles

- On 29 May 2020, Daszak pushed the Latinne preprint to his FBI contact, including even his Talking points for journalists (see FBI_LatinnePreprint.pdf).

From: **Peter Daszak** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: Couple of things I was supposed to send you.
Date: 29 May 2020 at 10:22 am
To: Rawson, Bryan R. (NY) (FBI) brrawson@fbi.gov
Cc: Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Bryan – great to meet you in person today and thanks for being out there looking after us! There were a few things we talked about that I told you and your colleague I'd follow up on. Can't remember all of them, but here are a couple

First, I've attached the paper that's coming out next week. We're uploading it onto bioRxiv this weekend. It's in press at Nature Communications, but by uploading it we'll make it publicly available. I've also attached some 'talking points' that we're giving to reporters so they can get the key messages – might be a less boring read than the actual paper. In the paper itself, page 12 and fig 3b are of most interest re. origin of COVID-19. In Fig. 3b, RaTG13 is the small purple circle next to SARS-CoV-2. The pink circle nearby the new virus RmYN02 that has the Furin cleavage insertion. The pangolin viruses are bright green

Here are some of the other questions I didn't answer, that I remember

- The organization that contacted Wuhan Institute of Virology director was "Committee of Concerned Scientists" (sounds like a left wing group). The person was Eugene Chudnovsky and he was asking whether "the statement made the by the US Secretary of State that China denied US researchers visits to your lab was accurate." They believed NIH canceled the grant because of that and wanted to see if it was true or political cover. There's been a lot of this going on from the Left, trying to show that the cancelation of my NIH grant was political, and from the Right, trying to show that we're a bunch of Lefties who believe China's OK, and from the conspiracy theorists trying to show that we began the pandemic. Trying to avoid all of this and just keep doing our work at this time…
- The name of the person on the National Academy of Medicine-Chinese Academy of Sciences 'dialog' calls who I thought was the Director of Wuhan Institute of Virology was
- I looked through my Wechat with Zhengli. She told me in a discussion in April 1st when I was pushing to publish the paper rapidly that "we need to tune down the importance of bat origin of COVID-19". She also said then that we need permission to publish any information related to COVID-19. I pushed back aggressively, we initially agreed to publish on April 15th, but after a call with her a few days before where she broke down we agreed to delay it for 2 months (til June 15th). She got back to me on May 4th to ask for the final version so she can get approval, and was rapidly approved. This coincided with the NAM-CAS dialog.

One Question for you – can you forward me the assessment from your cyber people about my vulnerability and how to protect my network here and at our offices. We'll get to work on that.

Look forward to catching up again soon and please let me know if you find out anything negative about the internet trolls. Likewise we'll get in touch rapidly if there is an escalation or a genuine threat.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me with any other questions including any from your colleague and his friends.

Cheers,

Peter

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- On 15 September 2020, 'Organic Consumers' Association was flagged to the FBI.

From: **Peter Daszak** daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: Internet conspiracists
Date: 15 September 2020 at 6:10 am
To: Rawson, Bryan R. (NY) (FBI) brrawson@fbi.gov, kwjohnson2@fbi.gov
Cc: Aleksei Chmura chmura@ecohealthalliance.org

Hi Bryan & Kyle,

There are a few changes on the internet conspiracy front that might help in some way:

1. There's now a series of websites that look like they're being run out of the same group or couple of people. Twitter handles @ConsciousEvolu1 - This one's interesting because they have a tweet thread about the Anthrax letters, prob just a coincidence, but maybe worth checking: https://twitter.com/ConsciousEvolu1/status/1305331327328161794?s=20 & @ProtestChris

   The websites are: https://peterdaszak.com/; https://sarscov2escaped.com/ ; https://wuhanmarket.net/ ; https://wuhanhealthorganization.org/ ; https://covid19researchinstitute.com/
   The reason I highlighted this is because each website has my home address on it.
   The contact address listed on the website is:
   COVID-19 RESEARCH INSTITUTE
   318 Third Avenue
   Suite 520
   New York, New York
   10100
   director@covid19researchinstitute.com

2. EcoHealth Alliance is mentioned in the new conspiracy movie "Plandemic Indoctornation" – a sequel to "Plandemic". This is driving lots of conspiracy interest in us right now I think, particularly within QAnon circles

3. We're getting traction from the anti-GMO activists, and these can be a nasty group. They've lumped "Gain of Function" research in under their target and are tweeting out hit-pieces on me and EHA. I'm now in the "gallery of shame": https://www.organicconsumers.org/newsletter/why-do-risky-research-follow-money/big-money-big-risk

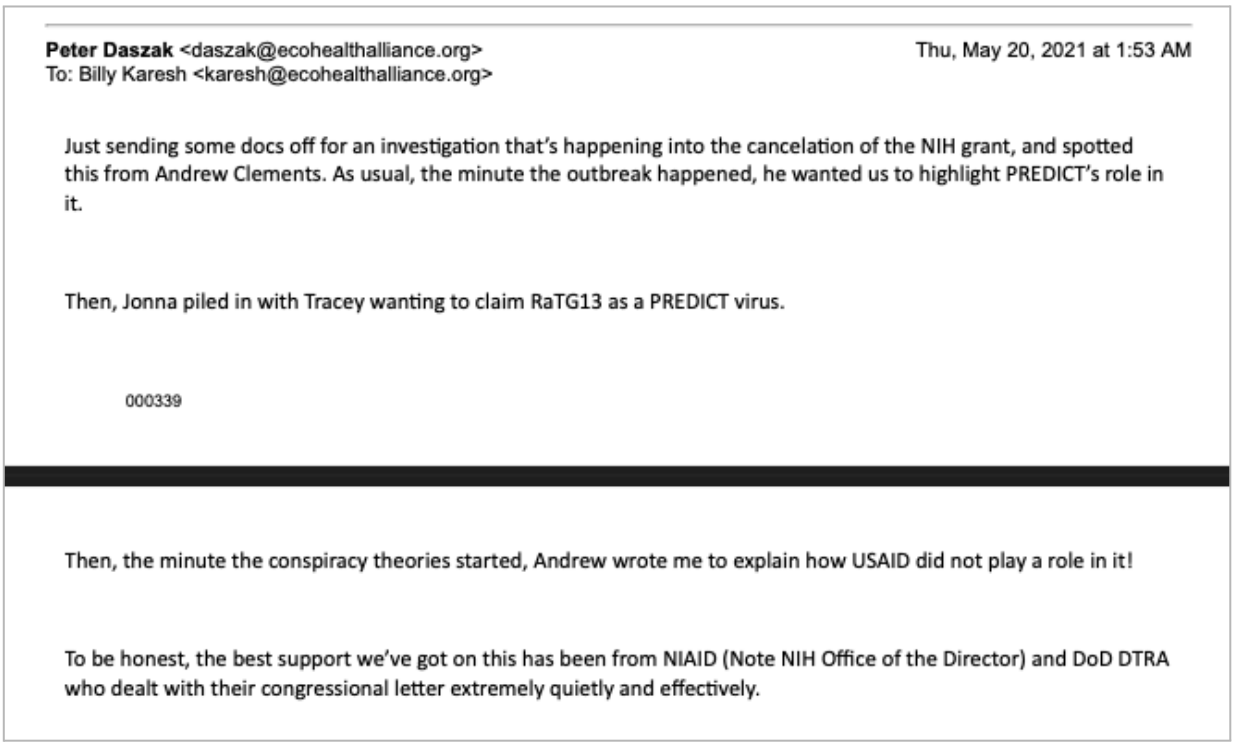
4. There's a guy in Mass who's posted details of my personal life and a video about my relatives, even the ones in the Ukraine, accusing me of being a CIA spy etc. This guy runs a small IT company from home and makes video blogs in his basement. Twitter name @HousatonicITS. I tracked his company and I believe his name is Mark W. Kulacz, 96 Sears Rd, Southborough, MA 01772. He's got a website with personal information about me and my family, as well as one of our staff – Kevin Olival: https://sites.google.com/a/housatonicits.com/home/research/dr-peter-daszak-b1965

   He's also got a couple of videos dedicated to me and some of my relatives that's a little bit creepy in that he's obviously spent hours digging up internet info on me: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGO0rXpEDAc&feature=youtu.be & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u7hkMlXFew&feature=youtu.be

One question – any chance any of these websites or posts are in breach of anything

15. GoF

- On GoF during the US pause (2014-2017):
  - As part of Daszak's answer (dated 29 Apr 2020, Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.2881, extract: https://drive.proton.me/urls/AW5PFWVD7C#TO91Wb4CpG2D [keep link])
    Conspiracy theorists are constantly suggesting that 'dangerous' and 'risky' gain of function work was conducted by Wuhan Inst. Virol. They say that this sort of work has been criticized by scientists (it was, relative to flu) and stopped by NIH (it was put on 'pause' by NIH and that pause was lifted a couple of years ago). I doubt that the pause that NIH called on this type of research had any relevance in China, for work done in labs that aren't funded by NIH. I don't know if Wuhan Inst. Virol. Continued doing GoF work during NIH's pause. ***However, if they did, it would be fully compliant with China's guidelines, and that's their sovereign law that covers them.***
  - Daszak's calendar item 21 Apr 2015, under 'Potential points of collaboration' with (Ralph Baric), we find '*Check about any gain of function work that zhenglis doing*'. Note that Baric was quite upset by the fact that his custom mice were then being resold by China.
- May 20, 2021, Daszak to Karesh, explaining how Andrew Clements (USAID) wanted to highlight the role of USAID/PREDICT Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.2828), the minute the outbreak happened (Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.226), with Jonna and Tracey wanting to even claim RaTG13 as a PREDICT virus. Then when questions were raised about the origin, Andrew Clements was trying instead to distance PREDICT from it (see Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.254).



Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org> Thu, May 20, 2021 at 1:53 AM
To: Billy Karesh <karesh@ecohealthalliance.org>

Just sending some docs off for an investigation that's happening into the cancelation of the NIH grant, and spotted this from Andrew Clements. As usual, the minute the outbreak happened, he wanted us to highlight PREDICT's role in it.

Then, Jonna piled in with Tracey wanting to claim RaTG13 as a PREDICT virus.

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Then, the minute the conspiracy theories started, Andrew wrote me to explain how USAID did not play a role in it!

To be honest, the best support we've got on this has been from NIAID (Note NIH Office of the Director) and DoD DTRA who dealt with their congressional letter extremely quietly and effectively.

- Morens on Calisher and Palese leaning toward a lab-leak. (16 013 Morens.pdf, p.49, p.54)
  As of today, shockingly, our own Charlie Calisher, who has been involved in so-called GOF research, and who coauthored last year's ASTMH paper, and who has been an esteemed colleague of mine for 45+ years, told the press in two separate interviews that he now thinks the lab leak theory is possible. Peter Palese, an esteemed researcher who has done and been accused of GOF research today said the same. I am very depressed by this, as I know these men and their scientific creds and their integrity.
- Sep 20, 2021 Andrew Clements (USAID) (Documents referencing COVID-19.pdf, p.2881) (Clements was in the discussions in 2016 with Baric about GoF clauses), went back and asked Daszak if USAID funded GoF (DARPA Emails.pdf, p 3822).

16. Daszak's last-minute selection for the WHO mission

- Daszak's calendar for 25 Sep 2020 has an entry about 'CV for WHO'.

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from: Fri 25 Sep 2020 10:00 **to:** Fri 25 Sep 2020 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: CV for WHO
Description:

- **Context:**
  - The official WHO report of the 2021 mission to China explains that the selection process of experts for the mission started with a call for expressions of interest on 17 Aug 2020, two weeks after the return of Embarek from China, where he went to negotiate the ToRs of that mission (10 July 2020 to 3 August 2020). The candidates were then evaluated in September, and the list was finalised on 30 September.

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INTERNATIONAL TEAM AND METHODS OF WORK

On 17 August 2020, the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) issued a call for expressions of interest for experts to participate in the international team to study the origins of SARS-CoV-2 jointly with Chinese experts. In September 2020, the WHO Secretariat evaluated the candidates received as well as candidates proposed by WHO Member States against the expertise needed, including:

- **senior epidemiologists,** with expertise in infectious disease epidemiology and operational research
- **senior data scientists**, with expertise in advanced statistics and infectious disease modelling, particularly in operational contexts
- **senior laboratory experts**, particularly with experience in SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics and serological studies in human and/or animal populations
- **senior food safety experts**, with experience in persistence of viruses and virus transmission through food and the environment
- **senior veterinary epidemiologists**, with experience in coronaviruses and animals, zoonoses and zoonotic epidemiological investigations
- **senior animal health experts**, with experience in emerging animal diseases, food animal production and animal disease surveillance.

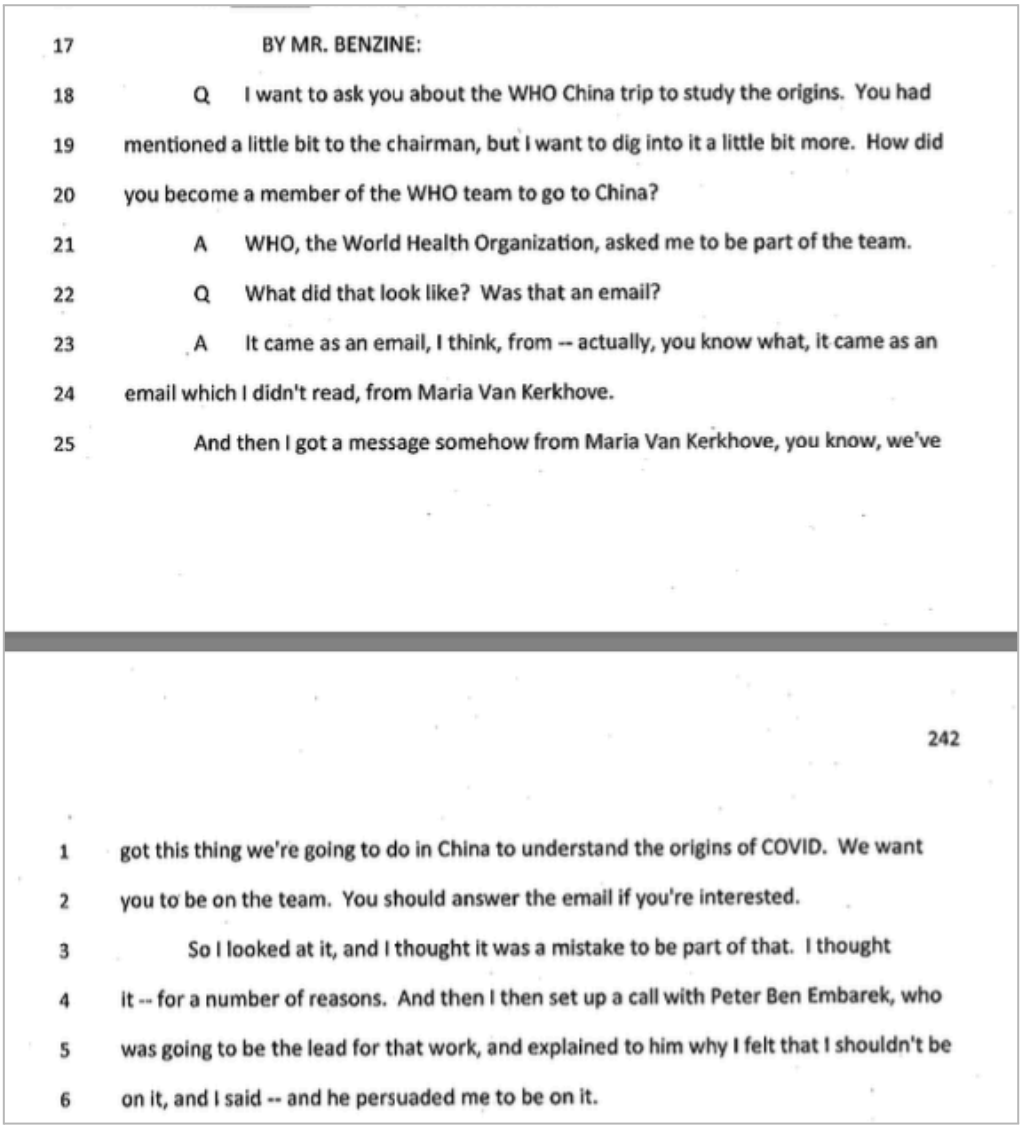
Among the qualified candidates, additional criteria such as geographical representation and gender were taken into consideration and a list of 10 members was finalised and shared with China officially on 30 September. On 15 October 2020, the Government of China indicated that it had no objection to the list of the international team members.

The joint international team comprised 17 national Chinese, the 10 international experts from Australia, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Sudan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, and United States of America, plus seven other experts and support staff from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and WHO. It was headed jointly by Dr Peter K Ben Embarek of WHO and Professor Liang Wannian of the People's Republic of China. The full list of the Chinese members and their affiliations and their international counterparts is available in Annex B. Two staff members from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) participated as observers.

Declarations of interest

The WHO international team was finalized with the completion of administrative procedures, including a declaration of interest and a confidentiality undertaking. All declared interests were assessed and found not to interfere with the independence and transparency of the work. The declared interests were shared with all team members and were managed by the WHO Secretariat.

- Since Daszak's calendar entry is on 25 September, this means that Daszak's participation was solicited in the very last 5 days at most before the list was supposed to be finalised (30 Sep).
- During his congressional interview, Daszak explained that the WHO contacted him via Maria Van Kerkhove and Peter Ben Embarek.



BY MR. BENZINE:

Q I want to ask you about the WHO China trip to study the origins. You had mentioned a little bit to the chairman, but I want to dig into it a little bit more. How did you become a member of the WHO team to go to China?

A WHO, the World Health Organization, asked me to be part of the team.

Q What did that look like? Was that an email?

A It came as an email, I think, from -- actually, you know what, it came as an email which I didn't read, from Maria Van Kerkhove.

And then I got a message somehow from Maria Van Kerkhove, you know, we've got this thing we're going to do in China to understand the origins of COVID. We want you to be on the team. You should answer the email if you're interested.

So I looked at it, and I thought it was a mistake to be part of that. I thought it -- for a number of reasons. And then I then set up a call with Peter Ben Embarek, who was going to be the lead for that work, and explained to him why I felt that I shouldn't be on it, and I said -- and he persuaded me to be on it.

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- All things considered, the only way to understand that last-minute addition of Daszak is that, after the Chinese side had refused all US experts proposed by the US government (Moore, Skinner and Feldmann, as has been reported), the WHO turned to Daszak as the last desperate option to include at least one US member.
- This, despite the denial of WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic. However, well understood, Tarik's denial reported in the WSJ was that the official Chinese representatives did not weigh in nor object to the candidates that the WHO had officially chosen. This is not the same as saying that no elements (potentially not even Chinese) had done China's bidding to influence the WHO decision. The latter is precisely what happened, as all the official US candidates were dropped on the way to that final selection, with Daszak being onboarded at the last minute as a reliable US alternative, purely to avoid a well-deserved outcry once the WHO had hit the Chinese wall.
  The WHO asked the U.S. to recommend government experts for the team, but it didn't contact the three that Washington put forward, according to current and former U.S. officials. Another U.S. scientist [Daszak] was selected for the team. [..] U.S. officials said they asked, unsuccessfully, for the WHO to consult its governing body on negotiations with China over details of the probe and said Washington lacked clarity on how the international team was recruited. [..] WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic said China didn't weigh in on the agency's selection of team members or object to any who had been chosen.

- In the end, the key trio of Daszak, Embarek and Koopmans—who would lead the WHO mission for the Western side—was nothing else than a recreation of the animal origin working group (https://x.com/PeterDaszak/status/1227501635028434946) at the WHO BluePrint meeting in Geneva on 11-12 Feb 2020 (co-chair of that event: Jeremy Farrar). A tried and tested solution that would have satisfied China.

17. Others

- Daszak was using WeChat to communicate with Linfa Wang, George Gao, Shuyi Zhang, and Shi Zhengli (to discuss the WIV BatCoV database).
  - See an e-mail to FBI Bryan Rawson (NY) dated 29 May 2020 (FBI_LatinnePreprint.pdf):
    *I looked through my **Wechat** with Zhengli. She told me in a discussion in April 1st when I was pushing to publish the paper rapidly that "we need to tune down the importance of bat origin of COVID-19". She also said then that we need permission to publish any information related to COVID-19. I pushed back aggressively, we initially agreed to publish on April 15th, but after a call with her a few days before where she broke down we agreed to delay it for 2 months (til June 15th). She got back to me on May 4th to ask for the final version so she can get approval, and was rapidly approved. This coincided with the NAM-CAS dialog.*
  - Calendar items:

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from: Thu 06 Dec 2018 21:00 **to:** Thu 06 Dec 2018 22:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: WeChat to Tong?
Description:

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from: Thu 20 Aug 2020 07:30 **to:** Thu 20 Aug 2020 08:15
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer:
Summary: Zhengli via WeChat
Description:
1) the bat CoVs database
2) full genomes data
3) testing positive human samples for COVID

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from: Mon 19 Jul 2021 19:45 **to:** Mon 19 Jul 2021 20:15
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: WeChat Linfa re. EID-SEARCH Contract
Description:

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from: Wed 02 Feb 2022 12:45 **to:** Wed 02 Feb 2022 13:45
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Wechat George Gao
Description:

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from: Thu 03 Feb 2022 10:00 **to:** Thu 03 Feb 2022 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED

attendees:
organizer:
Summary: wechat george gao
Description:

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from: Mon 28 Feb 2022 09:30 **to:** Mon 28 Feb 2022 10:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Jeff Sturchio; Respond Shuyi's's wechat; Respond Intercept
Description:

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from: Tue 29 Mar 2022 21:00 **to:** Tue 29 Mar 2022 21:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: WhatsApp/WeChat Linfa?
Description:

- Baric tried to culture a synthetic RaTG13 and some pangolin strains (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.3586). Daszak tried to do Banal-52 (with Baric?) in 2022.
- Morens on Keusch (BU BSL-4, EID-SEARCH with EHA): Mon 18 May 2020 18:00 (calendar item)
  Hi Peter, I hope things are settling down a bit for you! I am in very frequent touch with Jerry K and he is doing a great job. you/we/science in general are lucky to have a guy like him! With luck, tomorrow i will try to set aside some time to think about and make notes on the piece several of us will write for astmh. We all agree that we want to keep off of it any fingerprints of you, Ralph and any eha or grant colleagues.
- OSTP letter:
  - The 3 Feb call converged towards the conclusion that 'there is no need to invoke evolution in cultured cells', but may not have reached it as a consensus (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.239).
  - Aravinda Chakrravarti reminded everybody that the focus should be on asking for data sharing (DARPA Emails.pdf, p.243)
- Delay in obtaining an Animal Welfare Assurance (AWA) from NIH. Emily Linde handled their case.

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from: Fri 11 Aug 2023 09:00 **to:** Fri 11 Aug 2023 09:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: chmura@ecohealthalliance.org; daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
organizer: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: NIH Responses
Description:
1. Audit NIH responses draft for review/approval
2. E. Linde convo (AWA) and notes to Peter
- 2 Contracts following Linde call

Join Zoom Meeting
https://ecohealthalliance-org.zoom.us/j/97278417535?pwd=dWJIMW90eGtObVArNU9tZDZtemtzdz09

Meeting ID: 972 7841 7535
Passcode: 515268

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From EcoHealth answer to SSCP:

In 2023, EcoHealth Alliance decided to establish its own Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and Field Animal Care and Use Program, which was recognized by the US Army Medical Research and Development Command's Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO) on EcoHealth Alliance's active DoD DTRA grants. EcoHealth Alliance requested NIH approve its IACUC and Animal Care and Use Program by providing it with an "Animal Welfare Assurance (AWA)." EcoHealth Alliance at this time continues to await permission from NIAID, as per standard procedure, to negotiate an AWA with the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). It is thought that the decision to refuse negotiation of an AWA with EcoHealth Alliance was made directly by Dr. Lauer:

- 8/9/23: EcoHealth Alliance AOR and Chief-of-Staff Dr. Chmura speaks with NIAID Grants Management lead Emily Linde, who informs him that NIH will not allow EHA to negotiate an award-specific AWA at this point.
- 8/11/23: In response to request for further discussion re. AWA for EHA's IACUC, NIAID Grants Management lead Emily Linde informs EcoHealth Alliance that "if you have further questions on that topic, it will be best to address those questions to Dr. Lauer."

Despite this, EcoHealth Alliance successfully registered as a Class R Research Facility, which required USDA to inspect its facilities and records with respect to the IACUC. EcoHealth Alliance passed this inspection without issue and has recently passed its second inspection with no findings.

- Reaching out to James Heimowitz, 'Grandmother founded the US Communist Party; well-connected in all Chinese Government Activities'

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from: Tue 24 Nov 2015 14:00 to: Tue 24 Nov 2015 14:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.orgorganizer:
Summary: Meeting with James Heimowitz & Hongying at China Institute
Description:100 Washington St (entrance on Rector) Second floor - bring photo ID40 Rector Street (between Washington and Rector)
from call with ES and PD on 28 April:
Ellen - in touch with James Heimowitz Head of China Institute. Ellen to send telephone and email. Background: hyper and ADHD; worked with Mary Lee and Ellen and ran Asia Region. Grandmother founded the US Communist Party; well connected in all Chinese Government Activities. Smart. Harvard Grad. Knows ins and outs and working of China. Sits next to Condoleezza Rice at state dinners. Knows every plane and seat to sit in on flights to China. Call or set up a lunch.
PD: set up a lunch.
ES: very nice guy; so different; he would be delighted to meet with PD.

- Mention of archived BANAL and more generally Lao samples (note: Elizabeth (Liz) Ashley is the Director of the Lao-Oxford-Mahosot Hospital-Wellcome Trust Research Unit (LOMWRU) in Lao PDR, since 2019:

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from: Tue 25 Jul 2023 20:00 **to:** Tue 25 Jul 2023 21:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Agenda
Description:
NIAID R01 Monthly Meeting, July 25, 2023

New meeting participants
- Zhu Feng from Duke NUS;
- **Audrey Dubot-Pérès**, the head of Virology at LOMWRU, who has questions about the assay (Elizabeth (Liz) Ashley can't join)

Zhu Feng and Chee Wah to present the serology results from archived samples in Laos

- **IMPORTANT for Peter to say to the group** (requested by Elizabeth Ashley via email): keep the results as confidential, don't share at external meetings
- Discussion
- Plan at Duke NUS: 1) developing new assay for alpha-CoV, Vietnam team have been helping by sending samples to Duke NUS; 2) archived samples are welcomed

Update from Laos
Update from Vietnam
- Cadhla has spend time in Vietnam so there are **good progress to update**
- Peter plans to visit in September: Arriving on 09/10, meeting on 09/11, leaving on 09/12

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from: Tue 22 Aug 2023 20:00 **to:** Tue 22 Aug 2023 21:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Notes for NIH R01 Check-in Meeting
Description:
NIAID R01 SEA CoV Monthly Meeting, August 22, 2023
- Peter update: Meeting with program officer, positive feedback
- Peter check in: IRB approval from the Oxford, well done!! What would be the next steps? (modify the questionnaire to adapt to local contexts, and obtain local approvals from Vietnam and Laos, piloting, etc. timeline)
- Cadhla check in: Upcoming field trip for study site assessment in Na Hang, Vietnam
- Peter update: In Hanoi on September 11, hope to meet with people
- Updates from Laos (updates on the analysis of the archived samples with BANAL serological findings)
- Updates from Vietnam
- Archived samples

Updates from DukeNUS
- Peter (option): working on the two NSF EEID proposals (Daszak, Cadhla) that need inputs from Vietnam

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- Daszak's version of the OIG audit:

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from: Thu 09 Jun 2022 10:00 **to:** Thu 09 Jun 2022 11:00
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Jeff meeting notes
Description:
- NAM
- OIG
  - The key point is that, at a moment when NIH was under attack by Republicans, NIH requested an OIG audit (cf. Peter Aldhous article), knowing that simple mistakes in EHA's accounting, 10 years ago, would help NIH to cover for their politically motivated decision to terminate our grant.
  - It's 1% of our budget over 10 yrs, less than $100K – very little compared to normal OIG audits
  - We changed CFOs during the 10 yr period, the Federal rquirements changed multiple times, and our policies have changed to match them. Going back to find errors over such a long timeline is not actually finding current problems in management
  - OIG was supposed to look at all subcontracts in all universities to foreign entities, but here they spend months digging into 10 yrs of our work and finding mistakes as insignificant as a $19 overpayment or that subcontractees don't have a Federal Award Identification Number, even though this has no bearing on performance, and is already sent as part of our communications. Clearly a politically-motivated audit. Where are the other organizations? Where are the findings of NIH's management.
  - Some of the bullets they list as required in a contract are already sent to subcontractees as an attachment to the original contracts – the NoA
  - They state we 'reconstructed' a receipt, but this was a memo about the expenditure and was requested by the OIG

    - Stating that we were unable to get information from China is an unfair criticism, considering this was after the grant was terminated, after the pandemic, after the political attacks.
    - We have a series of new demands on our contracts that negate most of these.
    - $74K owed to us
    - This seems like HHS has decided, at NIH's request, to have OIG set up EHA
- Christian Frei

- On Jul 2023, Daszak met the Head of Science and Innovation for the British Consulate in NY, Dr. Garrett Dunlap, for a lunch meeting during which they discussed potential areas for collaboration.

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from: Wed 19 Jul 2023 14:30 **to:** Wed 19 Jul 2023 15:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Prep for Garrett Dunlap meeting
Description:
Our discussion will probably be broader about areas for collaboration, but Garrett forwarded the new UK strategic plan for biosecurity out of interest. It includes One Health approaches to pandemic prevention. Similar to US strategies
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1161970/UK_Biological_Security_Strategy.pdf

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from: Thu 20 Jul 2023 10:30 **to:** Thu 20 Jul 2023 11:30
location: 520 8th Ave, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10018, USA
status: CONFIRMED
attendees: daszak@ecohealthalliance.org; epstein@ecohealthalliance.org; salino@ecohealthalliance.org; garrett.dunlap@fcdo.gov.uk
organizer: salino@ecohealthalliance.org
Summary: EHA / Dr. Garrett Dunlap Lunch Meeting
Description:

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from: Thu 20 Jul 2023 10:30 **to:** Thu 20 Jul 2023 11:30
location:
status: CONFIRMED
attendees:
organizer:
Summary: Garrett Dunlap, the Head of Science and Innovation for the British Consulate in NY
Description:

Annex A: Source for the EHA Google Drive address

The address of the freely accessible EHA Google Drive with this information was given in an email released by Congress in the supplementary materials (COMBINED-SSCP-Final-Report-Documents-2-of-8compressed.pdf, released 4 Dec 2024) of their 'Final Report of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic'. The link was first spotted by Billy Bostinkson a few days after it was published. The folder at that link was fully accessible, without any authentication being required, until early 2025.

The folder link is given in an email exchange on pages 138-141, reproduced below:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jJY9rsuWoCm7m4L0HktRy8bpHuNHHsyZ?usp=sharing

On 22 April 2024, Aleksei Chmura (Peter's right hand) shared the link with Peter Daszak, Jeff Sturchio (in charge of relations with NIAID/NIH), Alison Andre (Assistant Managing Editor and Program Assistant) and another person.

Message

From: Aleksei Chmura [redacted]
Sent: 4/22/2024 5:16:26 PM
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted] Peter Daszak [redacted] Jeff Sturchio [redacted] Alison Andre [redacted]
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: IMPORTANT - Initial response re. new letter from SSCP & their threat of a subpoena. NOTE I can only do a call on Saturday, or Tuesday morning onwards

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jJY9rsuWoCm7m4L0HktRy8bpHuNHHsyZ?usp=sharing

Let me know if this works.

Cheers,

-Aleksei

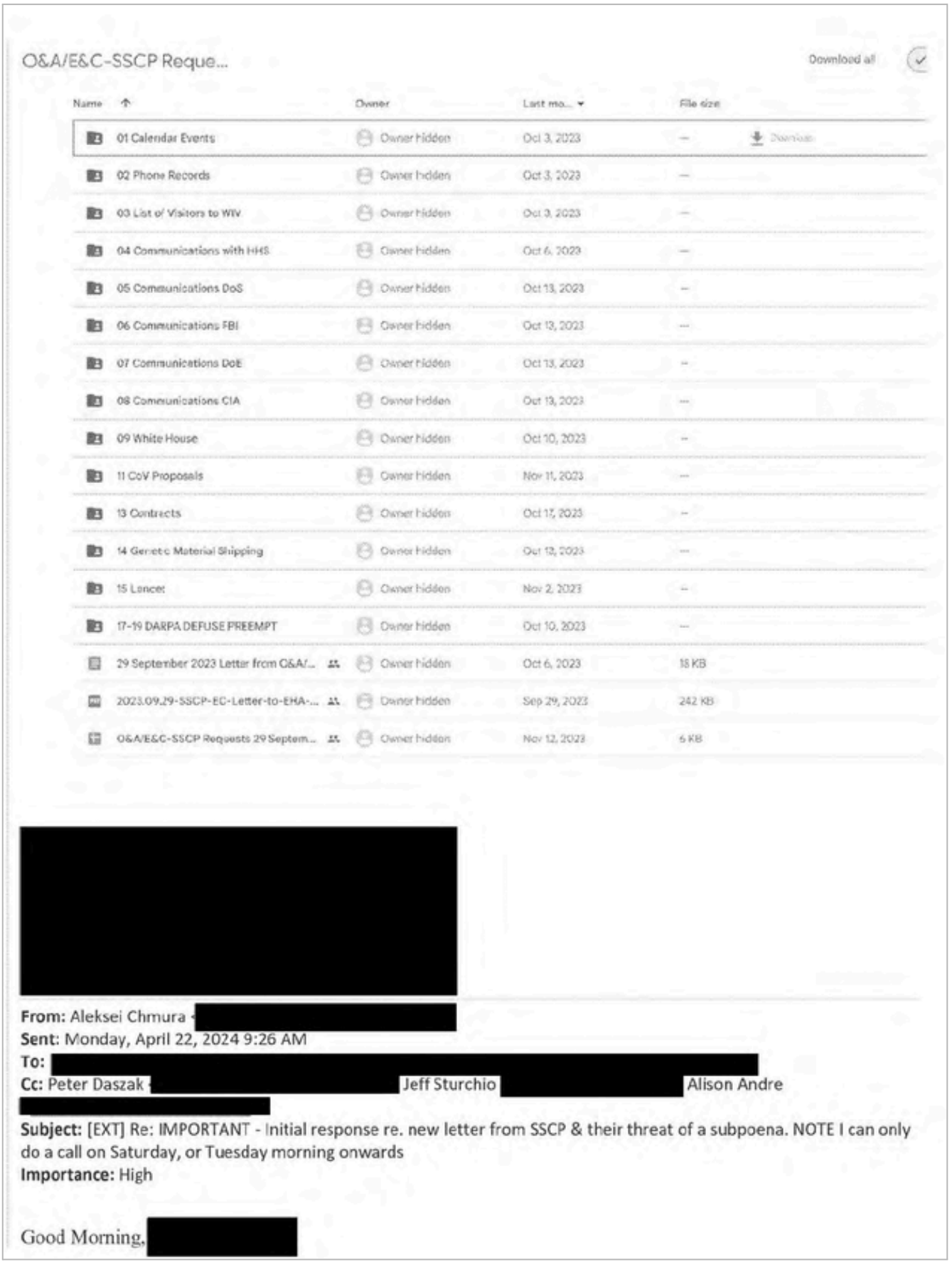
On Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 12:22 PM [redacted] wrote:

Aleksei,

Can you resend the google drive link? I don't see the folder you're describing in the shared folder. Thanks.

The folder includes documents that were explicitly marked as not to be shared with Congress, and typically used for the preparation of the versions eventually shared. It also includes the 25,000+ calendar items of Peter Daszak at EHA between 2008 and 2023 (both included), and mailbox files (that can be loaded in a mail client).

Serious journalists may ask for access to the folder and links, with an understanding that private information unrelated to the origin shall not be made public, even if the full documents were made immediately accessible to anybody, for many weeks, and by Congress itself.



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02 Phone Records	Owner hidden	Oct 3, 2023	—
03 List of Visitors to WIV	Owner hidden	Oct 3, 2023	—
04 Communications with HHS	Owner hidden	Oct 6, 2023	—
05 Comeunications DoS	Owner hidden	Oct 13, 2023	—
06 Communications FBI	Owner hidden	Oct 13, 2023	—
07 Communications DoE	Owner hidden	Oct 13, 2023	—
08 Comeunications CIA	Owner hidden	Oct 13, 2023	—
09 White House	Owner hidden	Oct 10, 2023	—
11 CoV Proposals	Owner hidden	Nov 11, 2023	—
13 Contracts	Owner hidden	Oct 17, 2023	—
14 Genetic Material Shipping	Owner hidden	Oct 12, 2023	—
15 Lancet	Owner hidden	Nov 2, 2023	—
17-19 DARPA DEFUSE PREEMPT	Owner hidden	Oct 10, 2023	—
29 September 2023 Letter from O&A/...	Owner hidden	Oct 6, 2023	18 KB
2023.09.29-SSCP-EC-Letter-to-EHA-...	Owner hidden	Sep 29, 2023	242 KB
O&A/E&C-SSCP Requests 29 Septem...	Owner hidden	Nov 12, 2023	6 KB

[redacted]

From: Aleksei Chmura [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:26 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Peter Daszak [redacted] Jeff Sturchio [redacted] Alison Andre [redacted]
Subject: [EXT] Re: IMPORTANT - Initial response re. new letter from SSCP & their threat of a subpoena. NOTE I can only do a call on Saturday, or Tuesday morning onwards
Importance: High

Good Morning, [redacted]

For SSCP, we now have items to share with SSCP in the Google Drive folder labeled "READY TO SHARE WITH SSCP - on 22 April 2024" within a folder labeled "NEW ITEMS SINCE 20 APRIL 2024".

Please send these today. These include:

1. NIH FOIA Library items responsive to 4a, 4c, and 10 iv, v, and vii

2. The Metabiota table from extra item/request #2

We will provide additional items for 25th per our letter from 11th April.

Call me anytime to discuss any of this.

Cheers,

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On Apr 19, 2024, at 21:05, Peter Daszak [redacted] wrote:

Thanks for letting us know about this [redacted] I'm cc'ing Jeff so he's aware.

I completely agree with your approach of avoiding a subpoena right now if possible, albeit they're clearly using faux-anger and subpoenas to paint a picture to the press that David Morens 'abruptly' ceased cooperation with them. Therefore, I suspect we'll be getting a subpoena sometime soon.

As for the current issues – most of these are do-able and fairly rapidly. However, there are some that I really want to avoid.

1) #6, FBI email exchanges. Most emails are about threats and attacks and that is personal and sensitive. Some are mixed in with responses to them about covid origins and there are a few where I give them information on the situation in China, on people we've worked with etc. It's massively damaging to our reputation to reveal the discussions I had with them about this and we need to avoid this at all costs in my opinion. While it might be good for the American public to find out I was informing the IC about covid origins, the details in these emails are not for public consumption, will be used by the SSCP to politically attack us, and will completely undermine our ability as an organization to do work around the world – we'll be seen as spies, not scientists. I should not be punished for doing the right thing as an American citizen and helping the government when asked (as per the oath you swear when you become a citizen!).

2) #16: Some of the people listed in the ~20 people that they want 'all communications with' are unrelated to COVID origins (e.g. Victor Dzau) and/or are conversations that are personal in nature, or with people who are foreigners, or with people who aren't funded on any of our federal grants (e.g. Eddie Holmes). Some of these are discussions that would be damaging to us and I don't understand why Congress would have the authority to demand such private information that's unrelated to COVID origins. Should I send them my bank account details as well?

I've responded to each of their requests below (as "Replies" in the body of their email) with an indication of if we can do, and how rapidly...

Can we have a call tomorrow (Saturday) any time between 12 and 4pm. I'm out of action Sunday and Monday.

Cheers,

Peter

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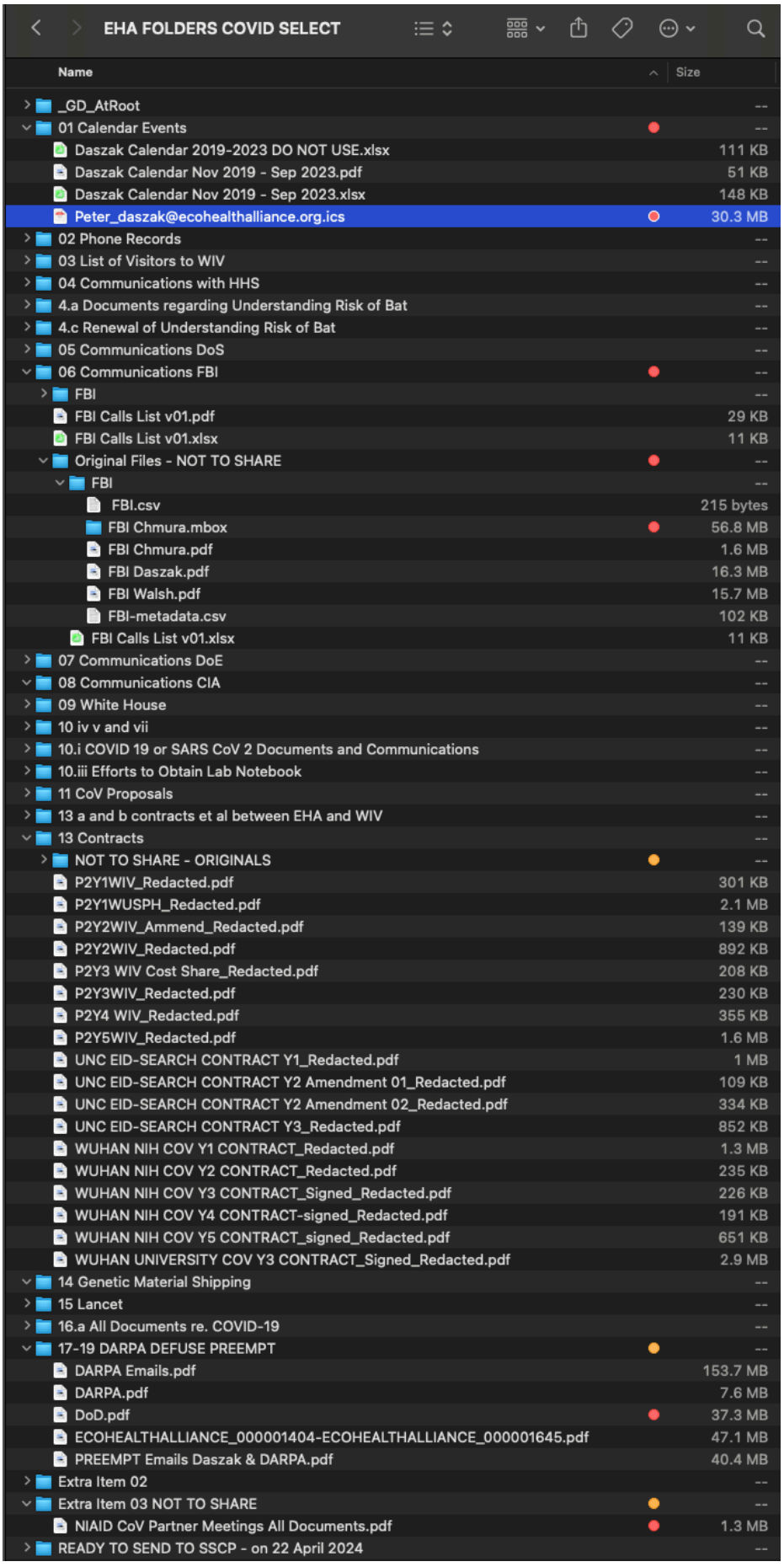
Annex B: Folder structure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